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Youth and the Unemployment Rate

According to a recent article published in the Monthly Labor Review, population changes have had a significant impact on the national unemployment rate. As millions of baby-boomers entered the world of work in the late 1960s and throughout most of the 1970s, they swelled the ranks of a group which, mainly because of frequent entries into and exits from the labor force, has traditionally had a much higher incidence of unemployment than older workers. Thus, merely by expanding the proportion of youths [ages 16 to 24] in the labor force, the baby-boomers exerted considerable upward pressure on the nation's overall jobless rate.

During the 1980s, however, the situation reversed itself. The last of the baby-boomers moved past their 25th birthday and joined the ranks of more mature and experienced workers, those who have traditionally had a very low incidence of joblessness. Behind the baby-boomers, the size of the teenage population and labor force continued to shrink reflecting the protracted decline in births during the 1960s and early 1970s. Together, these population changes helped significantly to lower the unemployment rate during the 1980s. The author of the article concluded that while changes in the age makeup of the population and labor force may have little impact on the short-term cyclical movements of the unemployment rate, they play an important role in the long-term behavior of the rate.

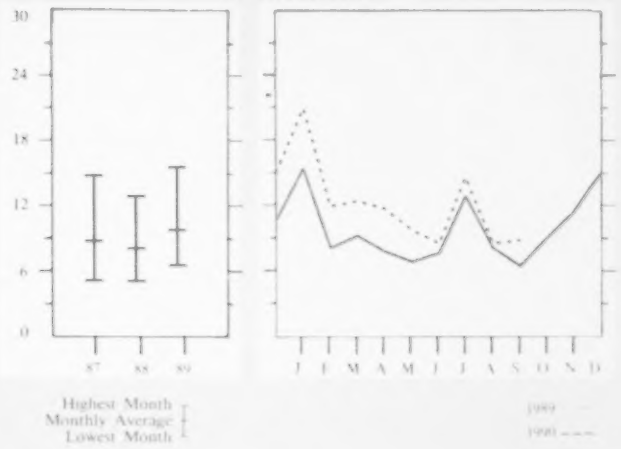
In Maine, as in the nation, the proportion of the labor force accounted for by youths steadily increased during the 1960s and 1970s. According to decennial census data, the proportion of Maine's labor force comprised of individuals 16 to 24 years of age increased from 15.2 percent in 1960 to 22.1 percent in 1980. During the 1980s the number of youths in Maine's labor force began dropping, both in absolute and relative terms. Current Population Survey data indicates that in 1983 individuals aged 16 to 24 accounted for 22.1 percent of the civilian labor force. By 1989, younger workers made up 18.3 percent of the labor force. This represents a drop of 10,600 youths in the labor force between 1983 and 1989. Projections indicate that the population aged 16 to 24, and consequently the youth labor force, will continue to decline in Maine through the year 2000.

The unemployment rate for youths in Maine has been consistently much higher than the rate for individuals 25 years of age and older. During the late 1960s and 1970s the increasing number of younger workers in Maine's labor force certainly put upward pressure on the unemployment rate. The falling number of youths in the 1980s facilitated the decline of the unemployment rate during the economic expansion. Forecasts of the Maine economy to the year 2000 indicate that Maine's unemployment rate will remain relatively low. Part of the reason for the projected low rate is the continued decline in the number of individuals 16 to 24 years of age entering the labor force.

Analysis of national data excerpted from Paul O. Flaim, "Population changes, the baby boom, and the unemployment rate," Monthly Labor Review, Vol. 113, No. 8 (August 1990).

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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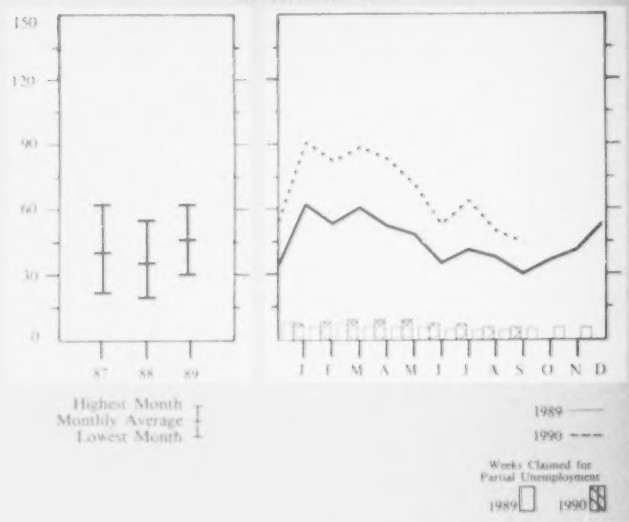


Women-Owned Firms Compared to All Firms By New England State and Selected Characteristics, 1987

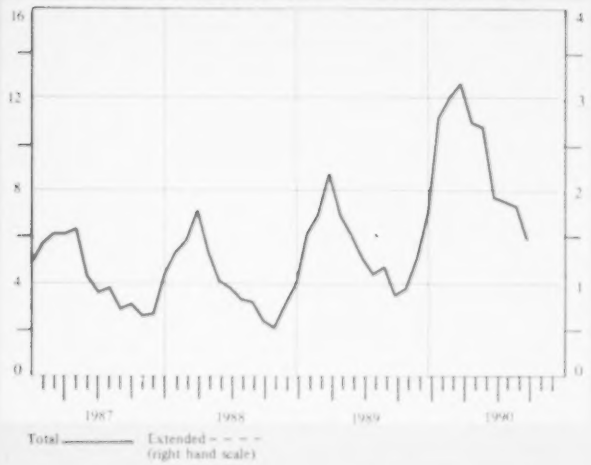
Area	Number of Firms Owned By			Sales and Receipts of Firms Owned By		
	Women	All	Women as Percent of All	Millions of Dollars		Women as Percent of All
				Women	All	
United States	4,114,787	13,695,480	30.04	278,138	1,994,808	13.94
Connecticut	60,924	196,537	31.00	5,320	35,024	15.19
Maine	23,922	88,208	27.12	1,635	10,407	15.71
Massachusetts	111,376	356,780	31.22	11,140	66,364	16.79
New Hampshire	22,713	79,771	28.47	1,858	13,083	14.20
Rhode Island	14,517	52,780	27.50	1,340	10,048	13.34
Vermont	13,802	45,243	30.51	766	5,191	14.76

Copies of the report "1987 Women-Owned Businesses," WB87-1, are available for $27 prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 783-3238. The GPO stock number is 003-024-06949-1.

Selected Employment Security Activities

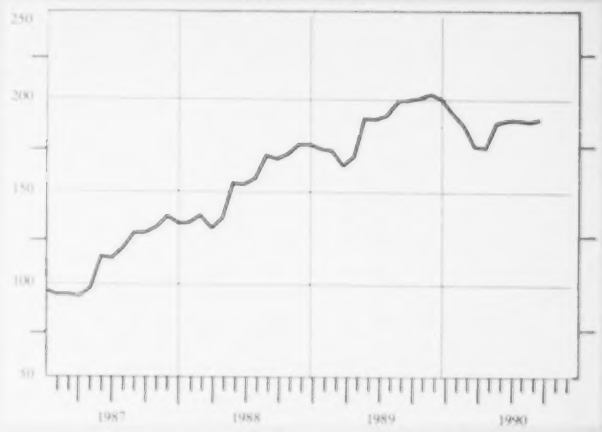
UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	537.1	536.9	554.7	133.5	133.1	133.5	41.7	40.9	41.7
Goods Producing	135.0	137.3	143.3	24.9	25.5	25.4	11.5	11.7	12.1
Construction and Mining	29.4	29.8	35.7	8.1	8.2	8.7	2.1	2.1	2.3
Building Construction	9.5	9.5	12.1	1.9	1.9	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trades Contractors	14.0	14.1	17.6	5.4	5.4	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	105.6	107.5	107.6	16.8	17.3	16.7	9.4	9.6	9.8
Durable Goods	48.9	49.2	50.2	8.1	8.6	8.3	2.2	2.3	2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.4	5.1	5.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.1	8.5	8.8	2.6	2.8	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	15.2	15.4	15.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.7	4.7	4.9	3.3	3.5	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	56.7	58.3	57.4	8.7	8.7	8.4	7.2	7.3	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	9.0	7.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.9	5.8	6.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.1	17.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	2.1
Leather and Leather Products	11.6	11.7	11.9	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	10.0	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3
Service Producing	402.1	399.6	411.4	108.6	107.6	108.1	30.2	29.2	29.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.7	22.5	21.4	5.4	5.5	4.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.2	25.6	25.8	9.9	10.0	10.2	2.4	2.4	2.3
Retail Trade	108.4	111.7	117.2	30.5	30.8	31.1	8.7	8.4	8.8
Food Stores	20.3	21.1	20.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	33.0	35.4	38.8	8.9	9.5	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.2	25.6	25.6	11.4	11.4	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.3	10.5	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	126.9	130.6	126.3	35.9	36.4	34.5	11.2	11.1	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11.1	14.1	11.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.2	13.1	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	43.7	44.2	43.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.9	19.3	19.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	74.8	64.1	75.8	13.5	11.4	13.8	3.9	3.3	3.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25,32,38,39; Portland - 24,25,32,33,34,37,38,39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28,29; Portland - 20,22,23,26,30; Lewiston - 20,22,23,26,27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	1990 3rd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	536.0	537.2	553.1	-1.2	-17.1
Goods Producing	135.3	134.2	143.2	+1.1	-7.9
Construction and Mining	30.1	29.7	36.3	+0.4	-6.2
Building Construction	9.7	9.9	12.3	-0.2	-2.6
Special Trades Contractors	14.3	14.4	17.9	-0.1	-3.6
Manufacturing	105.2	104.5	106.9	+0.7	-1.7
Durable Goods	49.0	48.4	49.9	+0.6	-0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.1	12.5	+0.8	-0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.2	5.0	5.2	+0.2	0.0
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.4	8.6	8.8	-0.2	-0.4
Transportation Equipment	15.4	15.4	15.1	0.0	+0.3
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.8	4.8	-0.2	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	56.2	56.1	57.0	+0.1	-0.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.1	7.2	7.7	+0.9	+0.4
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	17.9	17.9	+0.1	+0.1
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.0	-0.1
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.8	3.9	4.1	-0.1	-0.3
Leather and Leather Products	10.8	11.6	11.4	-0.8	-0.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.3	9.8	9.7	-0.5	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.0	-0.3
Service Producing	400.7	403.0	409.9	-2.3	-9.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.6	22.2	21.9	+0.4	+0.7
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.5	26.1	-0.1	-0.7
Retail Trade	110.7	108.6	118.8	+2.1	-8.1
Food Stores	20.9	20.8	20.4	+0.1	+0.5
Eating and Drinking Places	34.6	32.2	40.8	+2.4	-6.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.2	25.9	+0.2	-0.5
Banking	10.4	10.3	10.5	+0.1	-0.1
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.0	10.3	+0.2	-0.1
Services	129.2	123.1	129.5	+6.1	-0.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.0	8.7	13.6	+4.3	-0.6
Business Services	13.1	12.9	13.3	+0.2	-0.2
Health Services	44.0	44.2	43.7	-0.2	+0.3
Federal Government	19.5	20.4	19.5	-0.9	0.0
State and Local Government	67.9	78.0	68.2	-10.1	-0.3
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	-1.1

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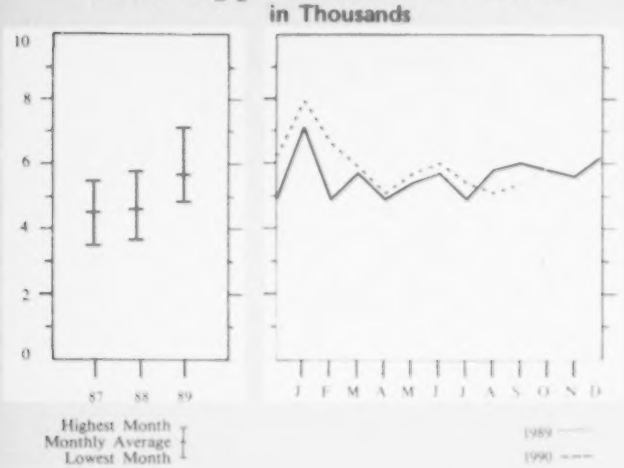
Labor Market Information Services

New Applications For Work

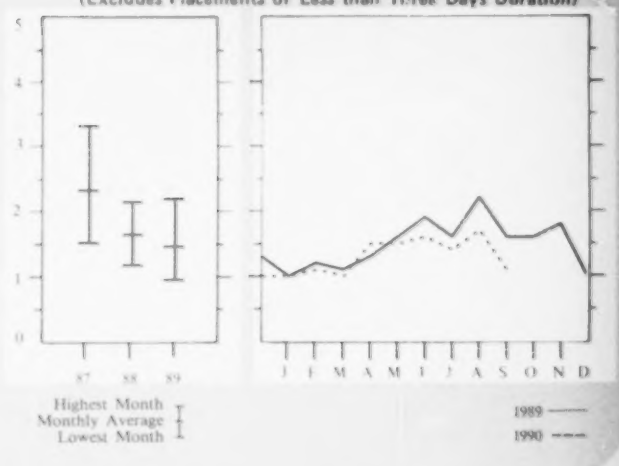
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$433.23	$416.16	$400.36	40.3	39.9	40.4	$10.75	$10.43	$9.91	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	416.12	401.58	383.84	40.4	39.8	39.9	10.30	10.09	9.62	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	380.03	380.38	371.21	41.9	41.8	41.2	9.07	9.10	9.01	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	469.14	430.14	406.26	43.6	43.1	42.9	10.76	9.98	9.47	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	471.11	477.02	512.34	40.3	39.1	45.1	11.69	12.20	11.36	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	367.79	343.28	329.76	37.8	35.1	36.0	9.73	9.78	9.16	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	470.82	449.35	416.19	39.9	40.3	39.3	11.80	11.15	10.59	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods	343.04	337.40	315.52	40.5	40.7	40.4	8.47	8.29	7.81	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	446.71	427.33	415.54	40.1	39.9	40.9	11.14	10.71	10.16	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	318.00	308.89	315.44	37.5	37.9	38.8	8.48	8.15	8.13	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	370.87	367.04	337.40	40.4	41.9	40.7	9.18	8.76	8.29	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	285.67	285.61	281.30	38.5	38.7	38.8	7.42	7.38	7.25	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	693.94	653.60	649.57	44.2	43.0	44.4	15.70	15.20	14.63	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	268.95	260.19	268.80	35.3	35.4	38.9	7.62	7.35	6.91	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	395.50	395.04	355.67	40.9	40.6	39.3	9.67	9.73	9.05	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	422.15	386.64	430.75	38.1	37.0	39.7	11.08	10.72	10.85	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	373.91	367.35	334.77	39.4	39.5	39.2	9.49	9.30	8.54	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	296.4	296.4	289.5
Unemployment	10.5	12.8	10.6
(Percent)	3.5%	4.3%	3.6%
Resident Employed	285.9	283.6	279.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	132.7	131.6	125.0	126.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.8%
Percent Change from Last December	+5.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.2%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	631.5	641.7	622.1	605.9	614.7	601.2	25.7	27.0	20.8	4.1	4.2	3.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,300	45,700	44,700	44,700	44,100	43,400	1,500	1,600	1,300	3.3	3.5	2.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,900	42,100	42,000	40,300	39,500	39,900	2,600	2,600	2,100	6.0	6.2	5.0
Portland MSA	131,800	132,600	128,500	127,500	128,000	125,500	4,400	4,600	3,000	3.3	3.5	2.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	133,640	136,170	134,680	128,500	129,860	131,030	5,140	6,310	3,650	3.8	4.6	2.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,580	38,380	36,270	36,200	37,000	35,150	1,380	1,370	1,120	3.7	3.6	3.1
Bath-Brunswick	30,600	31,340	30,770	29,740	30,400	30,020	860	940	750	2.8	3.0	2.8
Belfast	13,130	13,130	12,280	12,350	12,380	11,540	780	750	740	6.0	5.7	6.0
Biddeford	29,580	30,240	28,710	28,300	28,950	27,820	1,280	1,290	890	4.3	4.3	3.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,770	18,830	16,780	17,450	18,440	16,490	320	400	290	1.8	2.1	1.7
Calais-Eastport	14,710	16,030	15,510	13,840	15,150	14,530	870	880	980	5.9	5.5	6.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,590	20,800	22,690	20,630	19,640	21,550	950	1,160	1,140	4.4	5.6	5.0
Central Penobscot	3,560	3,470	3,340	3,400	3,320	3,220	160	150	120	4.4	4.3	3.6
Dover-Foxcroft	7,060	7,000	6,760	6,760	6,590	6,420	300	410	340	4.2	5.9	5.0
Ellsworth	27,440	32,470	27,300	26,730	31,590	26,580	710	890	720	2.6	2.7	2.6
Farmington	13,220	13,120	13,140	12,550	12,460	12,700	670	650	440	5.1	5.0	3.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,670	5,400	6,430	5,470	5,120	6,070	210	280	360	3.6	5.2	5.6
Greenville	1,360	1,460	1,450	1,320	1,410	1,390	40	60	60	3.2	4.0	4.1
Houlton	6,590	6,800	6,300	6,330	6,430	6,090	260	370	210	3.9	5.4	3.3
Kittery-York 3/	28,090	28,170	29,320	27,580	27,500	28,960	510	660	360	1.8	2.4	1.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,470	5,480	5,380	5,150	5,190	5,080	320	280	300	5.9	5.1	5.6
Livermore Falls	5,350	5,250	4,970	4,980	4,840	4,750	370	410	220	6.9	7.8	4.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,010	4,020	4,240	3,780	3,780	4,020	230	250	220	5.7	6.1	5.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,070	4,170	4,140	3,860	3,940	3,950	210	240	190	5.1	5.7	4.6
Norway-Paris	12,420	12,630	11,960	11,530	11,750	11,280	890	880	680	7.2	7.0	5.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,500	2,450	2,350	2,370	2,320	120	140	130	4.7	5.4	5.3
Rockland	19,200	19,530	19,010	18,460	18,830	18,510	730	700	500	3.8	3.6	2.6
Rumford	8,660	8,720	8,570	8,040	8,060	8,100	630	670	470	7.2	7.6	5.5
Sanford	16,590	16,920	16,180	15,670	16,040	15,520	920	890	660	5.5	5.2	4.1
Sebago Lakes Region	13,190	14,780	14,650	12,610	14,100	14,240	580	680	410	4.4	4.6	2.8
Skowhegan	23,250	23,580	22,300	21,910	22,370	21,340	1,340	1,200	960	5.8	5.1	4.3
Southwest Penobscot	11,630	11,580	10,800	10,940	10,940	10,210	690	640	590	6.0	5.5	5.5
Waterville	26,300	25,490	25,320	25,450	24,500	24,610	850	1,000	710	3.2	3.9	2.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,788.7	1,816.8	1,754.0	1,697.8	1,722.9	1,687.6	90.9	93.9	66.4	5.1	5.2	3.8
Massachusetts	3,146.8	3,171.0	3,120.7	2,952.9	2,960.0	2,986.5	193.8	211.0	134.2	6.2	6.7	4.3
New Hampshire	627.6	635.6	611.8	593.8	602.0	588.4	33.8	33.7	23.5	5.4	5.3	3.8
Rhode Island	513.5	521.7	529.3	483.4	490.2	506.8	30.2	31.6	22.5	5.9	6.1	4.2
Vermont	306.8	309.1	305.6	292.8	295.1	295.7	14.1	14.1	9.9	4.6	4.5	3.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	7,014.9	7,095.9	6,943.5	6,626.6	6,684.8	6,666.2	388.5	411.3	277.3	5.5	5.8	4.0
UNITED STATES	124,779	126,012	123,828	117,961	119,174	117,498	6,818	6,837	6,330	5.5	5.4	5.1

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n.a. indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	9,336	10,571	5,761	1,658	1,892	836	1,056	1,116	654

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Maine Department of Labor Releases 1989 Economic Handbook

State Labor Commissioner Charles A. Morrison announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1989*, which contains detailed employment, earnings, labor force, and related information regarding selected economic activities of the State and substate areas. This publication is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

The primary purpose of the handbook is to help meet the labor market information needs of businesses, labor organizations, educational institutions, public and private researchers, governments, and others interested in the Maine economy.

The *Handbook*, now in its ninth year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the state, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the state and major labor market areas; covered employment and wages for the state and counties; key unemployment insurance program statistics, including claims, payments, and tax rates; characteristics of applicants and services provided by the Maine Job Service; and definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The report shows, for example, that Maine's civilian labor force increased by 19,000 to a total of 616,000 during 1989. While the number of Maine residents with jobs rose to 590,000, the number unemployed increased to 25,000--up 3,000 from 1988.

During 1989, 2,300 jobs were lost in manufacturing industries. However, while some manufacturing industries saw decreases in employment--such as lumber and wood products, electronic and other electric equipment, and leather and leather products--some industries, such as transportation equipment and fabricated metal products, made significant gains over the course of the year.

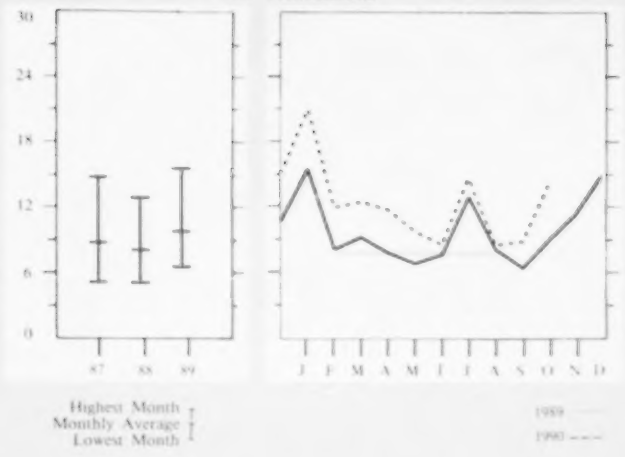
Meanwhile, employment growth in nonmanufacturing remained robust in 1989 as 21,100 jobs were added, largely attributed to gains in retail trade and services.

The report shows that the average weekly wage in Maine increased over the course of the year, from $346.90 in 1988 to $362.67 in 1989. Also, the average number of weeks Maine people collected unemployment benefits rose slightly from 10.8 in 1988 to 10.9 in 1989.

The *1989 Handbook* is available at $9.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, ME 04330-6826, telephone (207) 289-2271.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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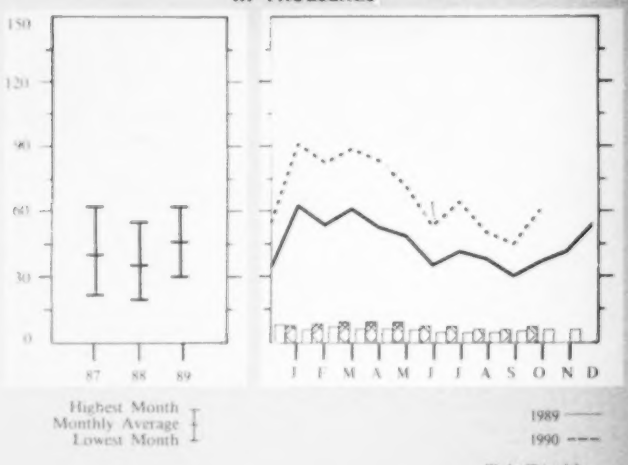


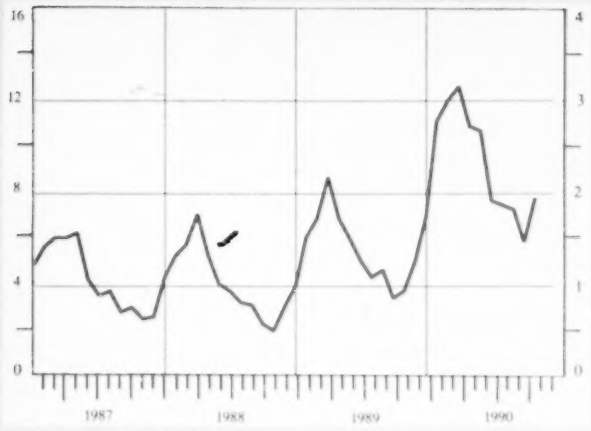
Employment By Major Occupational Category in Maine, 1988 and Projected 2000

Occupational Category	Employment		Change	
	1988	2000	Net	Percent
Total All Occupations	597,501	696,769	99,268	16.6
Managerial and Administrative Occupations	44,306	52,927	8,621	19.5
Professional, Paraprofessional, and Technical Occupations	101,764	125,070	23,306	22.9
Sales and Related Occupations	60,374	73,549	13,175	21.8
Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	88,027	99,032	11,005	12.5
Service Occupations	94,269	120,618	26,349	28.0
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, and Related Occupations	19,861	20,936	1,075	5.4
Production, Construction, Operating, Maintenance, and Material Handling Occupations	188,900	204,637	15,737	8.3

Selected Employment Security Activities

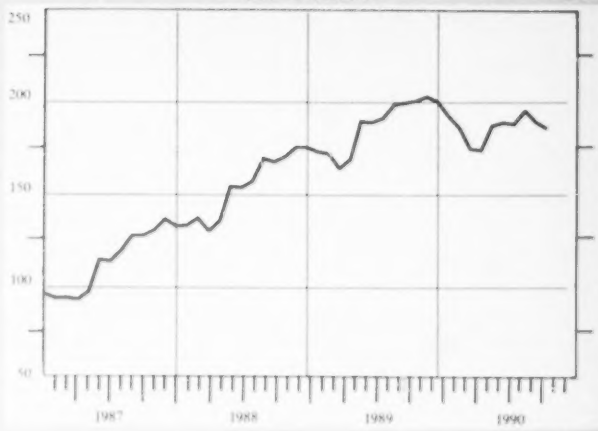
UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	536.9	537.1	554.1	134.0	133.5	135.8	41.1	41.7	42.6
Goods Producing	132.7	134.9	142.6	25.5	24.9	26.1	11.0	11.5	12.0
Construction and Mining	28.8	29.4	34.8	8.1	8.1	8.8	2.0	2.1	2.3
Building Construction	9.3	9.5	11.3	1.9	1.9	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trades Contractors	13.8	14.0	17.7	5.4	5.4	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	103.9	105.5	107.8	17.4	16.8	17.3	9.0	9.4	9.7
Durable Goods	48.5	48.8	50.6	8.9	8.1	9.0	2.2	2.2	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.1	5.4	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.1	8.1	8.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	15.3	15.1	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.1	3.3	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	55.4	56.7	57.2	8.5	8.7	8.3	6.8	7.2	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.0	7.8	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.9	6.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	17.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	11.4	11.6	11.8	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.7	9.9	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.2	1.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.4
Service Producing	404.2	402.2	411.5	108.5	108.6	109.7	30.1	30.2	30.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.7	22.6	21.3	5.4	5.4	4.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.9	25.1	25.8	10.0	9.9	10.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
Retail Trade	108.4	108.5	115.5	30.6	30.5	32.0	8.5	8.7	9.2
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	32.5	33.0	35.4	8.3	8.9	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	25.2	25.5	11.5	11.4	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.2	10.3	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.2	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	126.0	127.0	124.5	35.0	35.9	34.7	11.3	11.2	10.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.9	11.1	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.2	13.2	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.0	43.8	43.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.8	19.0	19.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	78.3	74.8	79.4	14.0	13.5	14.3	4.0	3.9	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25,32,38,39; Portland - 24,25,32,33,34,37,38,39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28,29; Portland - 20,22,23,26,30; Lewiston - 20,22,23,26,27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Contacts for Area Labor Market Information

Raynold A. Fongemie, Director of the Division of Economic Analysis and Research, and Rosalind Morse, Deputy Director for Field Services, announced the reorganization of the Labot Market Information Services (LMI) district boundaries and a reassignment of staff serving these districts. The new LMI Field Services unit is staffed with key people in the Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland offices, as well as in the Augusta Administrative Office. These individuals, identified as District Managers for Labor Market Information Services, provide socioeconomic information to the Department of Labor, other public agencies, employers, and a variety of other user groups in Maine's 31 labor market areas. Services to Maine employers include information on affirmative action statistics, labor availability, occupational statistics, industry wage and employee compensation, federal procurement preference eligibility, and demographic and economic trends for business planning.

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New Applications For Work

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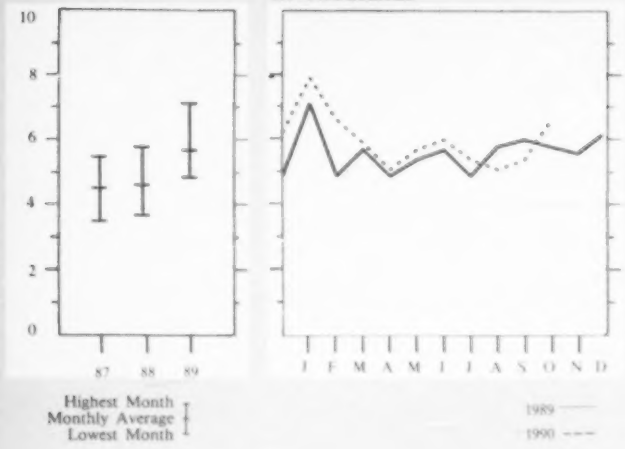

Nonfarm Placements

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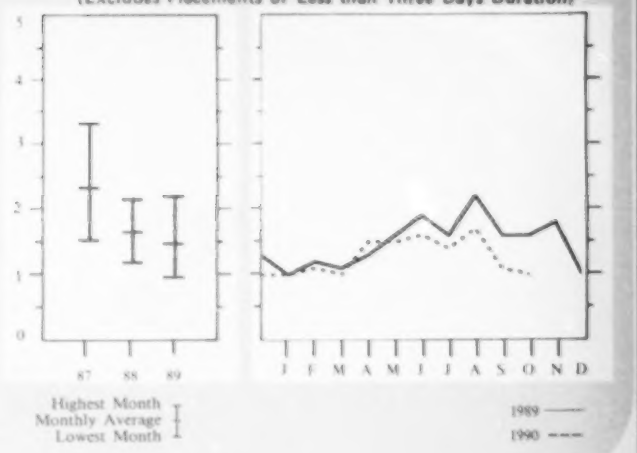
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$434.56	$433.23	$403.20	40.2	40.3	40.0	$10.81	$10.75	$10.08	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	419.12	416.12	394.30	40.3	40.4	40.4	10.40	10.30	9.76	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	373.22	380.03	369.15	40.7	41.9	40.7	9.17	9.07	9.07	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	421.31	469.14	410.90	42.3	43.6	42.1	9.96	10.76	9.76	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	489.60	471.11	517.70	40.8	40.3	44.9	12.00	11.69	11.53	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	355.39	367.79	346.70	36.6	37.8	37.2	9.71	9.73	9.32	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	494.07	470.82	433.23	40.9	39.9	40.3	12.08	11.80	10.75	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods	349.45	343.04	324.90	41.8	40.5	41.6	8.36	8.47	7.81	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	448.32	446.71	411.29	40.1	40.1	39.7	11.18	11.14	10.36	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	295.84	318.00	293.75	34.4	37.5	36.4	8.60	8.48	8.07	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	365.22	370.87	338.80	40.4	40.4	40.0	9.04	9.18	8.47	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	279.37	285.67	276.67	37.6	38.5	37.9	7.43	7.42	7.30	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	708.71	693.94	647.80	46.2	44.2	43.8	15.34	15.70	14.79	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	259.66	268.99	262.13	34.9	35.3	37.5	7.44	7.62	6.99	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	383.18	395.50	365.76	39.1	40.9	38.1	9.80	9.67	9.60	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	400.14	422.15	428.13	38.0	38.1	40.2	10.53	11.08	10.65	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	363.33	373.91	342.16	38.9	39.4	37.6	9.34	9.49	9.10	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	297.8	296.4	289.1
Unemployment	12.6	10.5	11.4
(Percent)	4.2%	3.5%	3.9%
Resident Employed	285.2	285.9	277.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	133.5	132.7	125.6	126.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+5.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.3%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	632.5	631.7	621.2	600.5	605.9	596.9	32.0	25.8	24.3	5.1	4.1	3.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,600	46,000	45,900	45,100	44,500	44,200	2,400	1,500	1,700	5.1	3.3	3.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,100	42,700	42,600	39,900	40,100	40,500	3,300	2,600	2,100	7.6	6.0	5.0
Portland MSA	132,900	130,900	131,000	127,900	126,600	127,500	5,000	4,400	3,500	3.7	3.3	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	133,300	134,100	136,900	128,100	128,900	133,300	5,200	5,200	3,500	3.9	3.9	2.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	38,010	37,430	36,610	36,430	36,040	35,500	1,580	1,390	1,110	4.2	3.7	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	29,810	30,400	30,470	28,720	29,550	29,630	1,090	850	840	3.7	2.8	2.7
Belfast	12,970	13,080	12,230	12,060	12,290	11,250	910	790	980	7.0	6.0	8.0
Biddeford	28,470	29,360	28,600	26,890	28,100	27,620	1,590	1,260	980	5.6	4.3	3.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,280	17,650	16,050	16,980	17,340	15,660	300	310	390	1.8	1.7	2.4
Calais-Eastport	14,800	14,650	15,270	13,840	13,770	14,060	960	880	1,220	6.5	6.0	8.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,650	23,710	21,030	20,510	22,660	19,870	1,140	1,040	1,160	5.3	4.4	5.5
Central Penobscot	3,720	3,530	3,480	3,490	3,380	3,350	230	150	140	6.1	4.3	3.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,270	7,030	6,910	6,820	6,730	6,440	450	300	470	6.2	4.3	6.8
Ellsworth	26,450	27,260	26,210	25,530	26,550	25,400	920	720	800	3.5	2.6	3.1
Farmington	13,300	13,130	13,240	12,580	12,460	12,650	720	670	590	5.4	5.1	4.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,720	6,410	5,710	5,440	6,150	5,430	280	260	290	5.0	4.1	5.0
Greenville	1,360	1,360	1,430	1,290	1,310	1,350	70	50	80	5.4	3.4	5.7
Houlton	6,780	6,620	6,370	6,430	6,350	6,100	350	270	270	5.2	4.1	4.3
Kittery-York 3/	28,110	28,070	29,350	27,490	27,550	28,930	630	520	420	2.2	1.8	1.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,490	5,440	5,400	5,090	5,120	4,990	400	320	410	7.3	5.9	7.6
Livermore Falls	5,530	5,460	4,950	5,030	5,090	4,720	490	380	240	8.9	6.9	4.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,090	4,430	3,850	3,780	4,170	3,630	310	260	210	7.6	5.8	5.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,150	4,040	4,240	3,840	3,830	3,930	310	210	320	7.4	5.2	7.5
Norway-Paris	11,700	12,350	11,670	10,800	11,460	11,100	910	880	570	7.8	7.2	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,500	2,480	2,490	2,360	2,360	2,260	140	120	230	5.4	5.0	9.1
Rockland	19,210	19,070	18,860	18,290	18,340	18,200	920	730	660	4.8	3.8	3.5
Rumford	8,700	8,610	8,790	7,940	7,980	8,220	760	620	580	8.7	7.3	6.6
Sanford	16,690	16,550	16,330	15,630	15,640	15,420	1,060	920	910	6.3	5.5	5.6
Sebago Lakes Region	12,590	13,140	13,400	11,790	12,560	12,980	800	580	420	6.3	4.4	3.1
Skowhegan	23,530	23,090	22,200	21,830	21,770	21,050	1,700	1,320	1,150	7.2	5.7	5.2
Southwest Penobscot	12,240	11,590	10,990	11,120	10,900	10,360	1,120	690	630	9.2	6.0	5.7
Waterville	26,820	26,190	25,540	25,630	25,330	24,600	1,190	850	950	4.4	3.3	3.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,788.7	1,752.9	n/a	1,697.8	1,684.5	n/a	90.9	68.3	n/a	5.1	3.9
Massachusetts	3,116.0	3,146.8	3,121.3	2,930.0	2,952.9	2,993.1	186.0	193.8	128.3	6.0	6.2	4.1
New Hampshire	627.9	628.1	621.5	595.7	594.2	597.8	32.2	33.9	23.7	5.1	5.4	3.8
Rhode Island	515.8	513.8	528.0	487.5	483.6	505.5	28.3	30.3	22.5	5.5	5.9	4.3
Vermont	307.3	307.6	306.5	294.0	293.6	296.1	13.4	14.1	10.4	4.4	4.6	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,385.0	6,330.2	n/a	6,022.1	6,077.0	n/a	363.0	253.2	n/a	5.7	4.0
UNITED STATES	125,020	124,779	124,416	118,299	117,961	118,194	6,722	6,818	6,222	5.4	5.5	5.0

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and reconciled with the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary, last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants*	11,312	9,717	6,451	1,919	1,716	902	1,220	1,088	717

* Continued week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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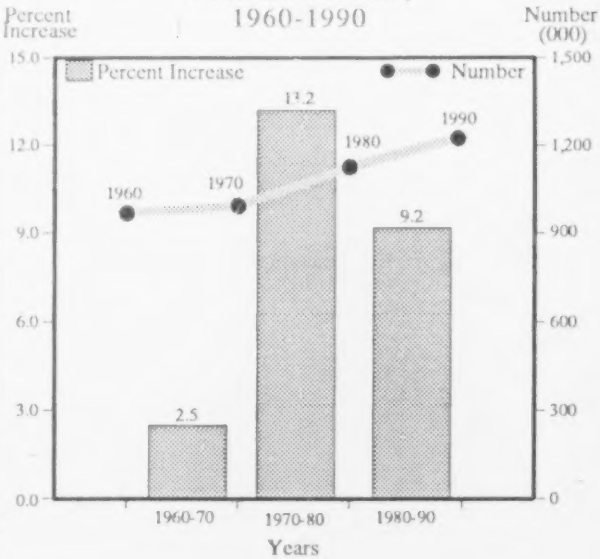
1,227,928 --Resident Population of Maine

The resident population according to the 1990 Census for the State of Maine is 1,227,928. This is a gain of approximately 103,268 persons, or a 9.2 percent increase, over the 1980 Census. Between 1970 and 1980 the state population increased by 130,938 persons, or 13.2 percent.

On December 26, 1990, the reapportionment population for Maine was released as 1,233,223. The difference between the reapportionment population and the resident population released today is 5,295 persons. These are persons overseas in the military and federal civilian workers, including their dependents, who identified Maine as their "home of record" on April 1, 1990. The only use of the reapportionment population was to determine that Maine will continue to have two congressional seats. The resident population of 1,227,928 now replaces the reapportionment population as the 1990 Maine population. The resident population also supercedes all other 1990 projected, estimated, or interim state populations.

During August 1990, the Bureau of the Census provided every municipality with interim population and housing counts, and asked that the housing counts be verified using local assessor records, utility records, etc., to ensure that all housing units were counted in the 1990 Census. This program is called "Local Review." At that time the interim population for the State was 1,218,053. Therefore, 9,875 persons were added to the August interim population as a result of the municipalities' efforts in Local Review and other Census Bureau review activities. *See related features on pages two and six.*

Resident Population by Decade in Maine, 1960-1990



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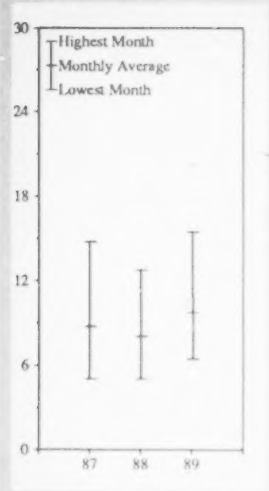
In Thousands



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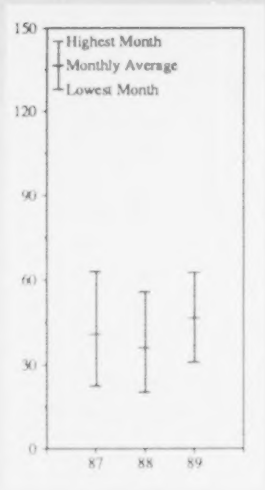

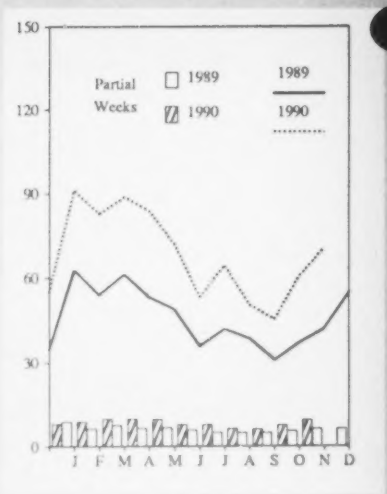

Census Data Products and Tabulation Schedule

After the Census Bureau has delivered the apportionment counts to the President, it is required to prepare data for all states as mandated by Public Law 94-171, The Legislative Redistricting Program. The purpose of this program is to provide state legislatures with small area census data for legislative redistricting.

By April 1, 1991, the Governor and the legislature will receive the following 1990 counts for Maine:

- Total population
- Counts of the population by race for White; Black; Asian and Pacific Islander; American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut; and All Other Races
- Total Hispanic origin
- Cross tabulations of data for persons not of Hispanic origin by race

All of the data above are cross tabulated for all ages and persons 18 years old and over. Additionally, housing unit counts will be included on computer tape and laser disk files. This information will be available for the following geographic areas: state, county, minor civil division, place, census tract/block numbering area, block group, and block.

In mid-1991 the Census Bureau will begin to issue products derived from the short form of the census which was received from 100 percent of the population. These products will contain the basic demographic and housing characteristics for blocks, block groups, census tracts, places, minor civil divisions, counties, states, the United States, American Indian areas such as reservations, and statistical areas such as Metropolitan Statistical Areas. In early 1992 the Bureau will begin to issue the sample data products derived from the long form of the Census questionnaire which was received by 1 in 6 households nationwide. These products will include social, economic, and detailed housing information.

Selected Employment Security Activities

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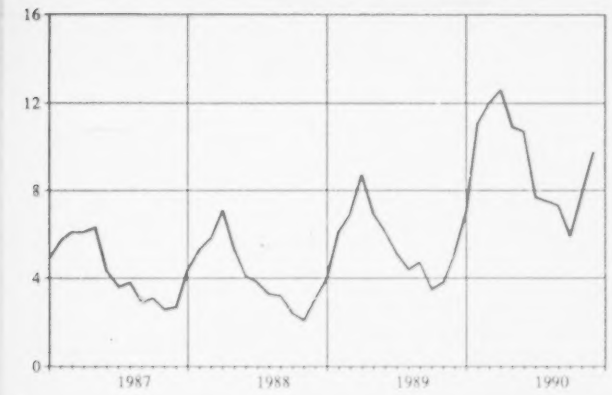
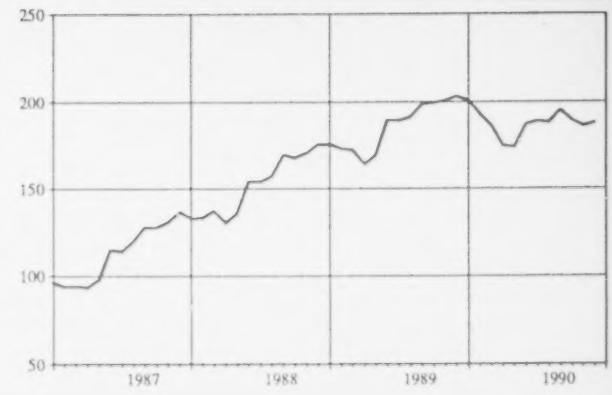
In Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance In Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$433.13	$434.56	$408.40	39.7	40.2	40.0	$10.91	$10.81	$10.21	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	411.48	419.12	398.38	40.5	40.3	40.2	10.16	10.40	9.91	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	372.30	373.22	359.60	40.6	40.7	40.0	9.17	9.17	8.99	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	416.36	421.31	408.93	40.7	42.3	43.0	10.23	9.96	9.51	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	474.66	489.60	521.65	40.5	40.8	44.7	11.72	12.00	11.67	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	350.84	355.39	350.43	35.8	36.6	37.6	9.80	9.71	9.32	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	482.16	494.07	450.07	42.0	40.9	39.9	11.48	12.08	11.28	9.40	9.92	10.80
Other Durable Goods	346.66	349.45	333.68	44.5	41.8	41.4	7.79	8.36	8.06	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	451.24	448.32	416.71	38.9	40.1	39.8	11.60	11.18	10.47	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	307.88	295.84	295.92	34.4	34.4	35.0	8.95	8.60	8.22	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	340.75	365.22	338.04	36.6	40.4	40.1	9.31	9.04	8.43	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	282.32	279.37	283.80	38.1	37.6	38.3	7.41	7.43	7.41	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	705.52	708.71	643.25	44.4	46.2	43.2	15.89	15.34	14.89	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	257.13	259.66	263.17	33.7	34.9	36.5	7.63	7.44	7.21	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	392.50	383.18	383.05	38.9	39.1	41.1	10.09	9.80	9.32	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	401.25	400.14	417.59	37.5	38.0	39.1	10.70	10.53	10.68	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	370.18	363.33	351.27	38.4	38.9	38.9	9.64	9.34	9.03	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine
In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	295.7	297.9	291.3
Unemployment	16.7	12.6	8.6
(Percent)	5.6%	4.2%	3.0%
Resident Employed	279.0	285.3	282.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	133.8	133.5	125.9	126.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+6.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.3%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

Total Resident Population for New England States and the United States, 1980 and 1990

Area	Population			
	1980	1990	Change	
			Number	Percent
Connecticut	3,107,576	3,287,116	179,540	5.8
Maine	**1,124,660**	**1,227,928**	**103,268**	**9.2**
Massachusetts	5,737,037	6,016,485	279,448	4.9
New Hampshire	920,610	1,109,252	188,642	20.5
Rhode Island	947,154	1,003,464	56,310	5.9
Vermont	511,456	562,758	51,302	10.0
New England	12,348,923	13,207,003	858,510	7.0
United States	226,504,825	248,709,873	22,205,048	9.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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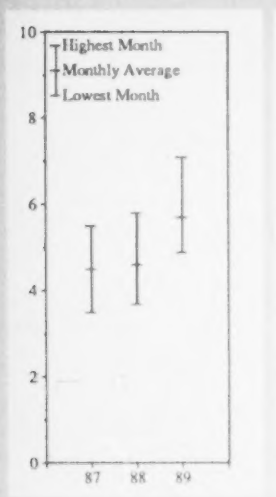
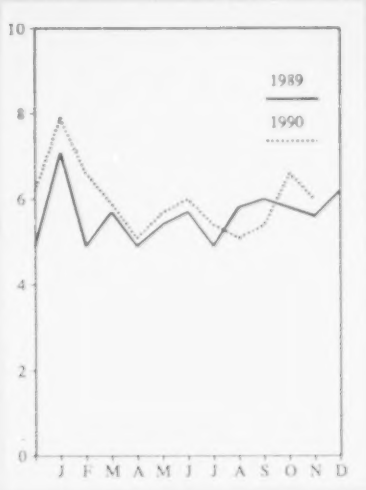
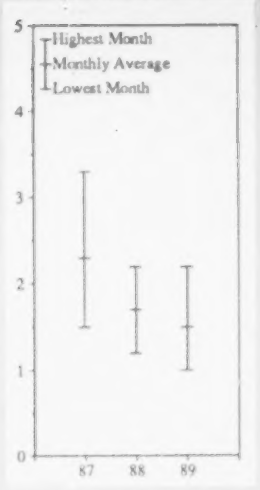
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	530.3	537.3	554.3	132.3	134.0	136.9	40.3	41.1	42.9
Goods Producing	128.9	132.7	141.0	23.5	25.5	25.5	10.3	11.0	11.8
Construction and Mining	27.4	28.8	34.0	7.3	8.1	8.6	1.9	2.0	2.2
Building Construction	9.0	9.3	10.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.2	13.7	17.7	4.7	5.4	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	101.5	103.9	107.0	16.2	17.4	16.9	8.4	9.0	9.6
Durable Goods	47.6	48.6	50.1	7.7	8.9	8.5	2.1	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.6	11.9	12.1	n/a	n/a	n\a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.0	5.2	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.0	8.1	8.6	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.9	15.3	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	5.2	2.9	4.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.9	55.3	56.9	8.5	8.5	8.4	6.3	6.8	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	7.0	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.7	5.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.6	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.8	5.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.7	3.8	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.8	2.2
Leather and Leather Products	10.9	11.4	11.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.3	9.7	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.4
Service Producing	401.4	404.6	413.3	108.8	108.5	111.4	30.0	30.1	31.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	22.7	21.1	5.5	5.4	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.0	24.9	25.8	9.7	10.0	10.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	108.0	108.7	117.1	31.5	30.6	32.5	8.8	8.5	9.5
Food Stores	20.5	20.4	20.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	30.1	32.6	34.9	8.2	8.3	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	25.1	25.3	11.6	11.5	11.7	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.4	10.3	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	123.0	126.1	123.3	34.3	35.0	34.6	10.8	11.3	11.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.1	9.9	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.2	13.2	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.0	44.0	43.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.9	18.8	19.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	79.4	78.3	81.1	14.2	14.0	14.8	4.1	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE	627.3	632.7	619.9	585.8	600.7	592.5	41.5	32.1	27.4	6.6	5.1	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,300	47,200	45,700	44,800	45,100	44,300	2,600	2,000	1,400	5.4	4.3	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,800	43,200	43,300	38,900	39,900	40,800	3,900	3,300	2,500	9.1	7.7	5.8
Portland MSA	131,700	132,800	132,000	125,800	128,000	128,600	5,900	4,800	3,400	4.5	3.6	2.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,300	136,000	n/a	128,100	132,100	n/a	5,200	3,900	n/a	3.9	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,840	38,000	36,450	35,960	36,440	35,360	1,890	1,560	1,090	5.0	4.1	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	30,350	29,700	30,580	29,080	28,730	29,680	1,270	980	900	4.2	3.3	2.9
Belfast	13,270	13,050	12,170	11,840	12,060	11,200	1,430	990	970	10.8	7.6	8.0
Biddeford	28,330	28,480	28,840	26,330	26,890	27,120	2,000	1,590	1,720	7.1	5.6	6.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,450	17,330	15,100	15,650	16,980	14,600	800	350	500	4.9	2.0	3.3
Calais-Eastport	15,090	14,850	15,730	13,900	13,840	14,540	1,200	1,010	1,180	7.9	6.8	7.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,250	21,820	20,640	19,370	20,510	19,230	1,880	1,310	1,410	8.9	6.0	6.8
Central Penobscot	3,750	3,700	3,550	3,480	3,490	3,400	270	210	140	7.2	5.8	4.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,250	7,230	6,880	6,740	6,820	6,470	510	410	410	7.1	5.7	5.9
Ellsworth	24,990	26,520	24,560	23,260	25,530	23,330	1,730	990	1,220	6.9	3.7	5.0
Farmington	13,270	13,370	13,160	12,280	12,580	12,640	990	790	520	7.4	5.9	4.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,570	5,820	5,550	5,120	5,440	5,230	450	380	320	8.1	6.6	5.8
Greenville	1,310	1,370	1,400	1,200	1,290	1,300	110	90	100	8.4	6.2	7.1
Houlton	6,640	6,750	6,420	6,300	6,430	6,110	340	320	310	5.1	4.7	4.8
Kittery-York 3/	28,000	28,230	29,340	26,970	27,480	28,690	1,030	760	650	3.7	2.7	2.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,500	5,450	5,310	5,040	5,090	4,970	460	360	350	8.3	6.7	6.5
Livermore Falls	5,030	5,490	4,840	4,540	5,030	4,600	480	460	250	9.6	8.3	5.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,920	4,120	3,770	3,510	3,780	3,470	410	340	300	10.4	8.2	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,120	4,130	4,260	3,810	3,840	3,970	310	280	290	7.5	6.9	6.8
Norway-Paris	11,720	11,750	11,850	10,460	10,800	11,030	1,250	950	820	10.7	8.1	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,490	2,520	2,400	2,290	2,360	2,220	200	160	180	8.0	6.2	7.6
Rockland	19,360	19,210	18,990	17,670	18,290	17,690	1,680	920	1,290	8.7	4.8	6.8
Rumford	8,650	8,730	9,000	7,680	7,940	8,410	960	790	590	11.1	9.0	6.6
Sanford	16,870	16,740	16,320	15,330	15,630	15,330	1,540	1,100	980	9.1	6.6	6.0
Sebago Lakes Region	11,870	12,480	13,080	11,050	11,800	12,400	830	680	680	7.0	5.5	5.2
Skowhegan	23,590	23,580	22,190	21,400	21,830	20,780	2,190	1,740	1,410	9.3	7.4	6.4
Southwest Penobscot	11,920	12,250	10,930	10,520	11,130	10,260	1,400	1,130	670	11.7	9.2	6.1
Waterville	27,110	26,850	25,650	25,490	25,630	24,790	1,620	1,220	860	6.0	4.6	3.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,781.4	1,739.8	n/a	1,696.1	1,675.1	n/a	85.3	64.7	n/a	4.8	3.7
Massachusetts	3,107.8	3,116.0	3,140.1	2,903.1	2,930.0	3,013.0	204.6	186.0	127.1	6.6	6.0	4.0
New Hampshire	n/a	627.9	621.0	n/a	595.7	596.9	n/a	32.2	24.1	n/a	5.1	3.9
Rhode Island	512.8	516.4	531.9	480.1	488.0	508.4	32.7	28.4	23.5	6.4	5.5	4.4
Vermont	305.8	307.5	303.1	287.6	294.1	292.3	18.3	13.4	10.8	6.0	4.4	3.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,981.9	6,955.8	n/a	6,604.6	6,678.2	n/a	377.4	277.6	n/a	5.4	4.0
UNITED STATES	124,821	125,020	124,664	117,611	118,299	118,168	7,211	6,722	6,495	5.8	5.4	5.2

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	14,942	11,529	8,826	2,195	1,962	1,038	1,390	1,226	891

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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Year-End Nonfarm Employment Review

Nonfarm wage and salary employment declined in Maine during 1990 after several consecutive years of job gains. Between 1983 and 1989 there was an average gain of almost 20,000 nonfarm jobs each year. As a result, Maine's unemployment rate dropped from 9.0 percent in 1983 to 4.1 percent in 1989. The state's rank in per capita personal income rose from 39th in 1983 to 26th in 1989.

A region-wide slowdown in economic activity became apparent in 1990 after several years of exceptional employment growth, particularly in construction, services, and retail trade. In the fall of 1990 the national economy faltered, exacerbating the economic slump in Maine. As the graph on page six illustrates, over-the-year losses in Maine nonfarm employment became more substantial as the year wore on.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Nonfarm employment in Maine declined from an average of 541,800 in 1989 to 536,900 in 1990, for a net loss of 4,900 jobs. Goods-producing industries recorded most of the employment losses.

Goods-Producing Industries

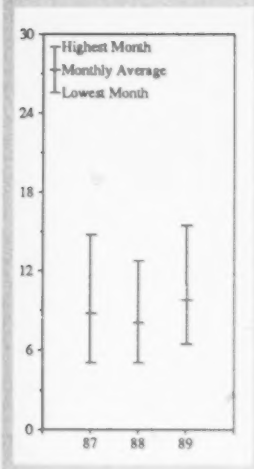
Employment in the goods-producing industries fell by an average of 7,400 between 1989 and 1990, declining from 138,300 to 130,900.

Construction. Employment in the construction division dropped from 32,700 in 1989 to 28,600 in 1990. This loss of 4,100 jobs follows a decline of 600 between 1988 and 1989. During the building boom from 1983 to 1988, employment in construction increased by an average of 3,400 per year. However, overbuilding left a surplus of housing units and office space, particularly in southern Maine. The result was a reversal of fortune for the construction division beginning in the latter part of 1989. During 1990 employment losses were spread among all industries within the division, with building construction off 1,800, special trade contractors down 1,700, and heavy construction other than building construction losing 600.

Manufacturing. Between 1989 and 1990 the number of manufacturing jobs fell by 3,400. Durable goods manufacturing employment fell by 2,000, with the largest decline recorded by lumber and wood products. This industry lost 1,100 jobs, primarily as a result of the housing slump. The electrical and electronic equipment industry provided 800 fewer jobs in 1990, due in part to defense cutbacks and overseas competition.

Among nondurable goods manufacturers, only the food and kindred products industry added a significant number of jobs. Above-average harvests of blueberries and potatoes contributed to an increase

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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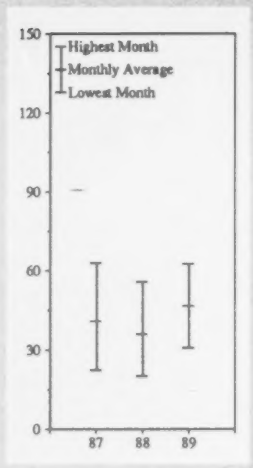

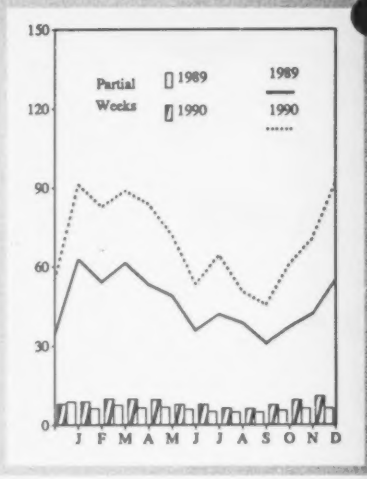

of 300 jobs in this industry. The leather and leather products and textile mill products industries continued a long-term pattern of decline with job losses of 900 and 400, respectively. Rubber and miscellaneous plastics products employment declined by 300.

Service-Producing Industries

Employment in the service-producing sector grew by 2,500, from 403,500 in 1989 to 406,000 in 1990. Small employment gains in most of the industry divisions were partially offset by losses in retail trade and real estate. The share of nonfarm jobs in the service-producing sector reached 76 percent, the highest level ever.

Retail trade. Employment in retail trade declined by 2,300 from 1989 to 1990 as economic activity slowed and consumer confidence waned. Eating and drinking places recorded an employment decline of 900. Job losses were also recorded in building material and hardware stores, down 400; food stores, down 300; and home furniture, furnishings, and equipment stores, down 300. Most of the other retail trade industries recorded smaller losses, with the exception of general merchandise stores which registered a slight employment gain between 1989 and 1990.

Wholesale trade. Employment in the wholesale trade division declined by 800. Most of the job losses were concentrated among wholesalers of durable goods, where 1,000 jobs were lost. Wholesalers of nondurable goods added 200 jobs to their payrolls.

Finance, insurance, and real estate. In the finance, insurance, and real estate division job losses totalled 300. The ripple effects of the downturn in the construction industry resulted in the loss of 400 jobs in real estate and 100 jobs in banking. The insurance industry recorded a small employment increase.

Services. Most industries within the services division recorded employment gains, contributing to an increase of 4,300 services jobs. Total services employment rose from an average of 124,500 in 1989 to 128,800 in 1990. The business services and health services industries continued the trend of recent years with increases of 1,500 and 900 jobs, respectively. Social services; motion pictures and recreational services; and engineering, accounting, research, and management related services also recorded over-the-year employment gains.

Government. Employment in the public sector increased by 1,400 during 1990. Most of this gain was at the local level where employment in education increased by 1,100.

Employment estimates used in this article, and for the graph on page six, are revised for 1990 and finalized for 1989 as a result of annual benchmark revisions.

Selected Employment Security Activities

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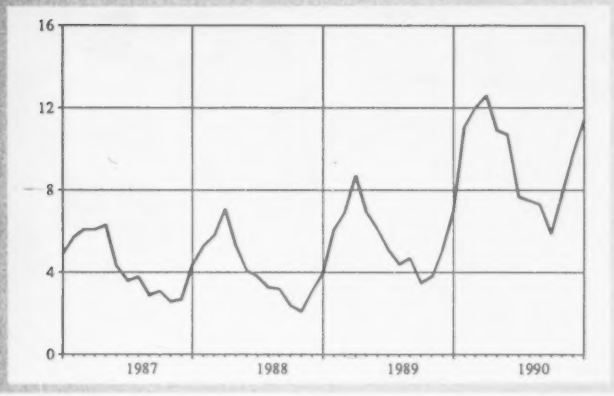
In Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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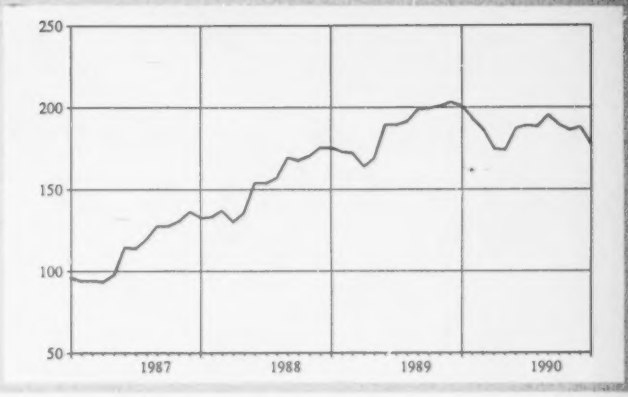


Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$441.16	$433.13	$414.10	41.0	39.7	41.0	$10.76	$10.91	$10.10	$8.77	$9.31	$9.89
Durable Goods	426.96	411.48	411.93	41.9	40.5	41.4	10.19	10.16	9.95	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	374.74	372.30	370.87	41.0	40.6	41.3	9.14	9.17	8.98	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals	439.78	416.36	413.69	43.2	40.7	43.5	10.18	10.23	9.51	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	492.06	474.66	536.17	41.7	40.5	45.4	11.80	11.72	11.81	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	373.80	350.84	356.64	39.1	35.8	37.9	9.56	9.80	9.41	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment	501.95	482.16	480.78	43.8	42.0	42.1	11.46	11.48	11.42	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods	358.64	346.66	331.33	42.9	44.5	42.1	8.36	7.79	7.87	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods	454.99	451.24	415.34	40.3	38.9	40.6	11.29	11.60	10.23	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products	332.60	307.88	326.24	38.9	34.4	38.7	8.55	8.95	8.43	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products	344.04	340.75	336.36	38.7	36.6	39.9	8.89	9.31	8.43	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products	255.26	282.32	285.57	35.7	38.1	38.8	7.15	7.41	7.36	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products	683.72	705.52	656.57	44.6	44.4	45.5	15.33	15.89	14.43	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products	293.11	257.13	265.72	35.4	33.7	36.6	8.28	7.63	7.26	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods	393.41	392.50	370.75	40.6	38.9	39.4	9.69	10.09	9.41	8.28	8.62	9.10
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	415.51	401.25	430.61	39.8	37.5	40.7	10.44	10.70	10.58	9.13	9.58	10.53
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	363.08	370.18	335.05	38.3	38.4	36.9	9.48	9.64	9.08	7.40	8.08	8.50

Female Labor Force in Maine
In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	304.3	295.8	291.7
Unemployment	18.7	16.8	8.4
(Percent)	6.1%	5.7%	2.9%
Resident Employed	285.6	279.1	283.3

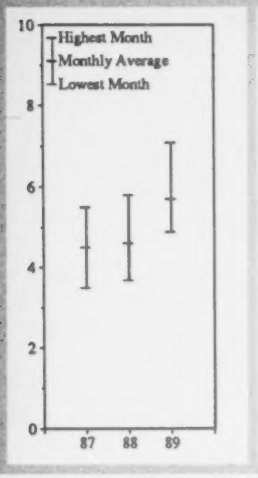
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	133.8	133.8	126.1	126.1

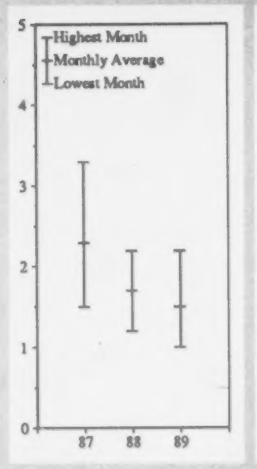
Percent Change for Past Month	0.0%
Percent Change from Last December	+6.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.1%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	526.8	530.6	551.6	131.4	132.3	137.3	39.7	40.3	42.9
Goods Producing	126.4	128.9	138.0	22.8	23.5	25.5	10.0	10.3	11.8
Construction and Mining	25.1	27.4	31.8	6.8	7.3	8.6	1.8	1.9	2.2
Building Construction	8.7	9.0	11.0	1.7	1.8	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.3	13.2	16.1	4.5	4.7	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	101.3	101.5	106.2	16.0	16.2	16.9	8.2	8.4	9.6
Durable Goods	47.4	47.6	50.2	7.5	7.7	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.6	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	5.0	5.0	5.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	8.0	8.0	8.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.9	14.9	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.6	5.2	2.8	2.9	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.9	53.9	56.0	8.5	8.5	8.4	6.1	6.3	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	6.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.4	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.7	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.6	3.7	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.5	2.2
Leather and Leather Products	10.7	10.9	11.8	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.0	9.3	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.4
Service Producing	400.4	401.7	413.6	108.6	108.8	111.8	29.7	30.0	31.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.9	22.0	22.7	5.6	5.5	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.8	25.0	25.8	9.8	9.7	10.2	2.1	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	108.4	108.3	116.9	31.5	31.5	33.4	8.8	8.8	9.5
Food Stores	20.6	20.5	20.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.2	30.5	33.2	8.1	8.2	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.9	25.1	25.3	11.5	11.6	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Banking	10.1	10.2	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.4	10.3	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	122.5	123.1	123.4	34.0	34.3	34.3	10.7	10.8	11.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	7.2	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.4	13.2	13.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	44.1	44.0	43.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.7	18.8	19.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	79.2	79.4	79.7	14.2	14.2	14.5	4.1	4.1	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	637.6	627.8	621.0	595.4	585.9	593.3	42.3	41.8	27.8	6.6	6.7	4.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,200	47,300	45,800	45,700	44,800	44,300	2,600	2,500	1,500	5.3	5.4	3.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,200	42,800	43,400	39,400	38,900	41,000	3,900	3,900	2,400	8.9	9.1	5.6
Portland MSA	134,400	131,800	133,000	128,400	125,900	129,400	6,000	5,900	3,600	4.5	4.5	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA 3/	135,100	133,300	135,500	128,000	125,900	130,800	7,100	7,500	4,800	5.2	5.6	3.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	38,700	37,870	36,720	36,520	35,970	35,490	2,180	1,910	1,230	5.6	5.0	3.3
Bath-Brunswick	31,060	30,350	30,830	29,660	29,090	29,970	1,400	1,260	860	4.5	4.2	2.8
Belfast	13,370	13,300	12,230	11,890	11,840	11,100	1,480	1,460	1,120	11.1	11.0	9.2
Biddeford	28,740	28,340	28,610	26,730	26,340	27,380	2,010	2,000	1,220	7.0	7.1	4.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,080	16,460	14,720	15,300	15,650	14,270	780	810	450	4.8	4.9	3.1
Calais-Eastport	15,350	15,110	15,630	13,940	13,900	14,420	1,410	1,210	1,210	9.2	8.0	7.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,730	21,280	20,530	19,880	19,370	19,120	1,850	1,900	1,420	8.5	8.9	6.9
Central Penobscot	3,810	3,760	3,530	3,510	3,480	3,360	290	270	170	7.7	7.3	4.7
Dover-Foxcroft	7,430	7,260	7,030	6,890	6,740	6,610	530	520	420	7.2	7.2	6.0
Ellsworth	25,140	25,030	24,510	23,140	23,270	23,210	2,000	1,760	1,300	8.0	7.0	5.3
Farmington	13,770	13,290	13,540	12,850	12,290	12,990	930	1,000	550	6.7	7.5	4.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,710	5,590	5,570	5,270	5,120	5,240	440	480	330	7.7	8.5	6.0
Greenville	1,380	1,320	1,370	1,250	1,200	1,240	130	110	130	9.6	8.6	9.3
Houlton	6,820	6,650	6,470	6,430	6,300	6,140	390	350	330	5.8	5.3	5.1
Kittery-York 3/	28,570	27,990	29,130	27,480	26,900	28,420	1,090	1,090	710	3.8	3.9	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,500	5,340	5,190	5,040	4,980	470	460	360	8.4	8.3	6.7
Livermore Falls	5,000	5,040	4,870	4,570	4,540	4,570	430	500	310	8.5	9.8	6.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,080	3,920	3,820	3,640	3,510	3,480	440	420	340	10.7	10.6	8.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,220	4,140	4,260	3,860	3,810	3,940	360	320	330	8.5	7.8	7.6
Norway-Paris	11,580	11,720	11,570	10,380	10,470	10,760	1,200	1,250	810	10.3	10.7	7.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,580	2,520	2,420	2,370	2,300	2,250	210	220	180	8.3	8.9	7.3
Rockland	19,490	19,370	18,730	18,130	17,680	17,550	1,360	1,690	1,180	7.0	8.7	6.3
Rumford	8,850	8,640	8,880	8,010	7,690	8,380	840	960	500	9.5	11.1	5.6
Sanford	16,860	16,890	16,330	15,430	15,330	15,350	1,430	1,560	980	8.5	9.2	6.0
Sebago Lakes Region	11,950	11,880	13,210	11,100	11,050	12,550	860	830	660	7.2	7.0	5.0
Skowhegan	24,040	23,590	22,230	21,790	21,410	20,790	2,260	2,180	1,450	9.4	9.2	6.5
Southwest Penobscot	11,970	11,920	11,030	10,700	10,520	10,280	1,260	1,390	750	10.5	11.7	6.8
Waterville	27,800	27,100	25,780	26,030	25,500	24,810	1,780	1,600	980	6.4	5.9	3.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,778.3	1,757.1	n/a	1,694.1	1,686.4	n/a	84.2	70.7	n/a	4.7	4.0
Massachusetts	3,115.0	3,107.8	3,138.9	2,897.0	2,903.1	3,008.2	218.0	204.6	130.7	7.0	6.6	4.2
New Hampshire	637.8	627.3	623.3	597.5	584.7	598.0	40.3	42.7	25.3	6.3	6.8	4.1
Rhode Island	514.6	513.0	528.1	481.6	480.1	501.8	33.0	32.9	26.3	6.4	6.4	5.0
Vermont	306.8	305.8	307.2	286.3	287.5	295.1	20.5	18.3	12.1	6.7	6.0	3.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	6,960.0	6,975.6	n/a	6,535.4	6,682.8	n/a	424.5	292.9	n/a	6.1	4.2
UNITED STATES (000)	124,630	124,821	123,998	117,287	117,611	117,698	7,343	7,211	6,300	5.9	5.8	5.1

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

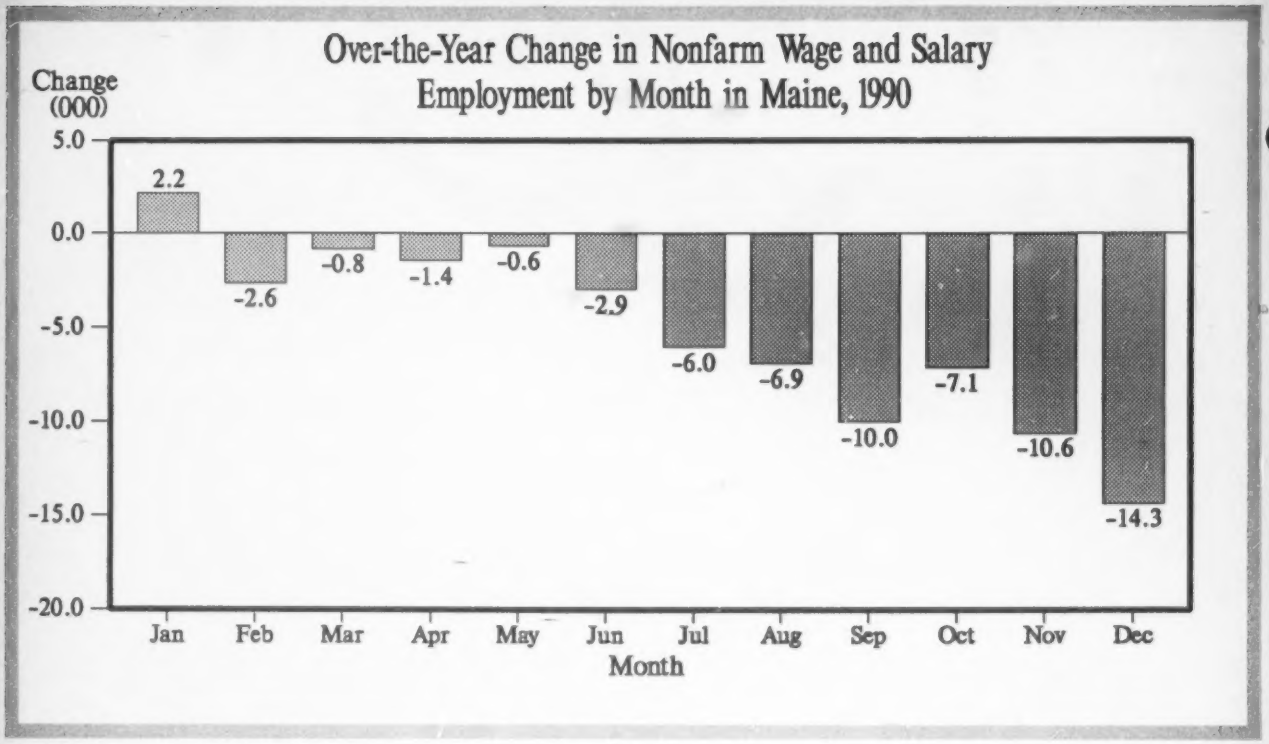
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	18,462	15,667	11,823	2,631	2,283	1,335	1,696	1,455	1,117

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.



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Using Labor Market Information to Size Up Your Customers

In today's competitive environment, gut instinct evaluation of customers may no longer be an adequate means of finding and exploiting a market niche. Although small-business owners or managers are closer to their customers on a day-to-day basis than their counterparts in larger companies, that does not guarantee that they understand their markets. Demographic information, as an integral piece of Labor Market Information, is a means of systematically identifying the distinct market segments into which potential customers may fall.

Demographic information is an accessible, cost-effective way to identify a target market within budgetary constraints. Demographic variables are good indicators of purchasing behavior for many product and service categories, and they reveal ongoing trends such as shifts in age distributions and household types. Demographic information is also helpful in evaluating marketing efforts.

The Four Rs

Is it worthwhile to segment your market? To decide, you should ask four key questions:

--Can you **rank** your target markets by their importance to your overall market?

--Are your target markets of **realistic** size, large enough to profitably pursue?

--Can your **reach** your targeted customers easily?

--Will your targeted customers **respond** to marketing strategies?

Can You Rank Your Target Markets?

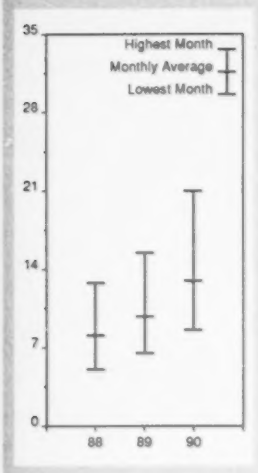
You must evaluate, both objectively and subjectively, the potential of one target market relative to another in order to decide which one is worth pursuing. To do this, you need to quantify your total market and each of its segments.

Demographics can be an effective tool for measuring markets. Using cluster analysis, you can determine the size of the overall market in your area, then zero in on the potential market. A cluster analysis includes such variables as household income, age distribution, homeownership, and education.

Is The Targeted Market Realistic in Size?

Each market that you target must be large enough to support the cost of the marketing effort. You should consider both the number of potential customers and their incomes in order to estimate the purchasing power of the segment.

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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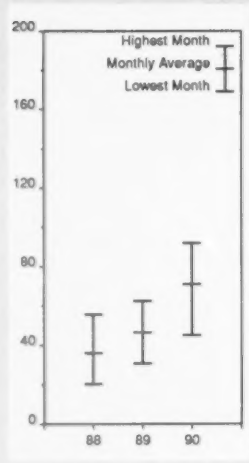
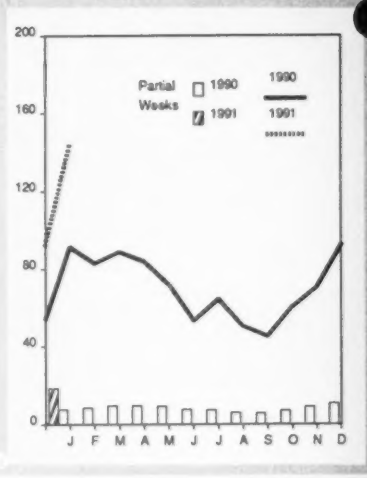
In Thousands





A client at Florida University's Small Business Development Center wanted to open a day-care center; she needed to find the best potential site for it. The Center identified three potential sites for the day-care using demographic information from the Census Bureau, by looking for census tracts in which a large number of working mothers with children under age six lived. They plotted the existing day-care centers on a map, together with a population density of working mothers. This competitive analysis supplemented the demographic data and helped assess the feasibility of the venture.

The Center was able to pinpoint areas that had at least 2,500 mothers in the labor force with children under the age of six and no existing day-care center.

Can You Reach The Targeted Customers?

Your targeted customers should be readily accessible. For market segmentation to work effectively, you have to be able to reach distinct markets through select media and targeted messages. The higher cost of reaching a distinct market must be justified by higher sales to that market.

You can use demographics to identify the media that reach your target markets most efficiently. Most small businesses target customers most effectively through newspapers, radio, and direct mail. Once you have a demographic profile of your customers, you can compare it with the readership profile of a newspaper, the listenership profile of a radio station, or the zip code demographics that you will reach through direct mail. Even if a perfect match is impossible, your business can gain a competitive edge by knowing how your targeted customers' demographics match with the media you are using to reach them. You can also use the demographic profile of your targeted customers to design your promotional campaigns and advertising.

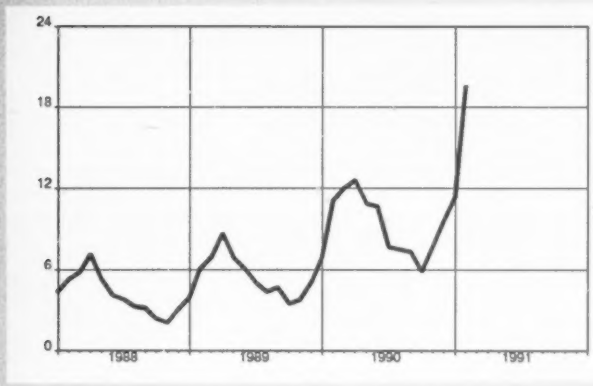
Will The Targeted Customers Respond?

If the targeted customers don't respond to your marketing efforts, you shouldn't be marketing to them. Thorough market research, including surveys of noncustomers as well as customers, can help you identify whether potential customers need your particular product or service before you spend money trying to sell them. Demographics, combined with market survey research, can identify potentially responsive market segments.

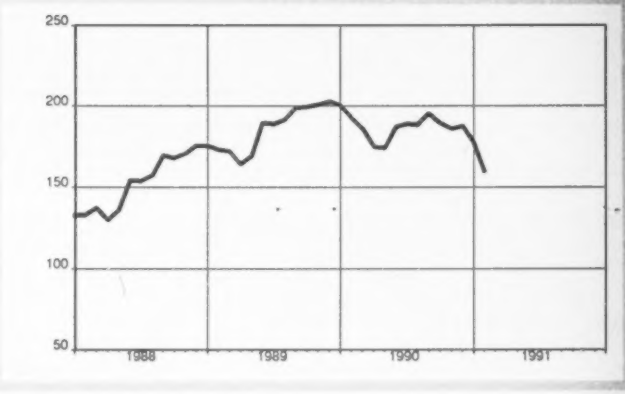
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

U I Benefit Payments
In Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance In Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$434.32	$441.16	$418.54	39.7	41.0	40.4	$10.94	$10.76	$10.36	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	425.41	426.96	416.98	40.4	41.9	40.8	10.53	10.19	10.22	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	361.01	374.74	375.23	41.4	41.0	41.6	8.72	9.14	9.02	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	404.56	439.78	417.17	40.7	43.2	43.5	9.94	10.18	9.59	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	484.88	492.06	492.03	41.8	41.7	42.6	11.60	11.80	11.55	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	380.76	373.80	364.77	38.0	39.1	37.8	10.02	9.56	9.65	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	512.08	501.95	491.26	40.1	43.8	40.6	12.77	11.46	12.10	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	348.53	358.64	328.18	41.1	42.9	41.7	8.48	8.36	7.87	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	442.96	454.99	418.55	39.2	40.3	39.9	11.30	11.29	10.49	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	307.43	332.60	312.20	35.5	38.9	37.3	8.66	8.55	8.37	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	344.08	344.04	342.54	39.1	38.7	39.6	8.80	8.89	8.65	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	242.09	255.26	248.40	33.3	35.7	34.5	7.27	7.15	7.20	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	665.99	683.72	646.14	43.5	44.6	44.5	15.31	15.33	14.52	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	291.27	293.11	270.78	36.5	35.4	37.4	7.98	8.28	7.24	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	373.98	393.41	361.73	37.7	40.6	38.4	9.92	9.69	9.42	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	395.49	415.51	408.56	37.1	39.8	38.8	10.66	10.44	10.53	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	355.70	363.08	346.63	37.6	38.3	38.6	9.46	9.48	8.98	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine
In Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	297.9	304.5	289.8
Unemployment	23.1	18.6	16.1
(Percent)	7.7%	6.1%	5.5%
Resident Employed	274.9	285.9	273.8

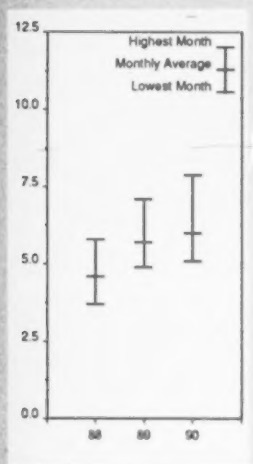
U.S. Consumer Price Index

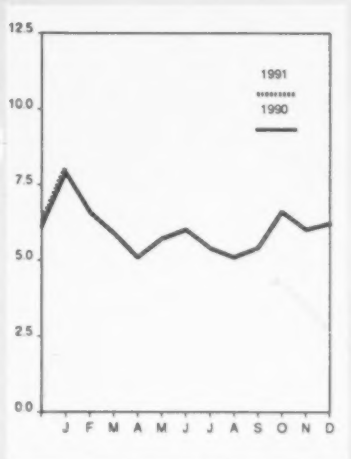
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	134.6	133.8	127.4	133.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+5.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+0.6%

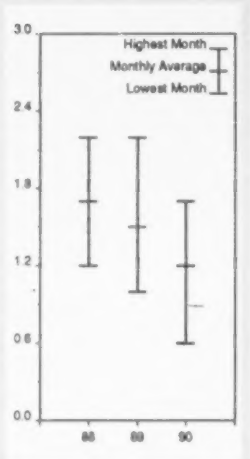
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

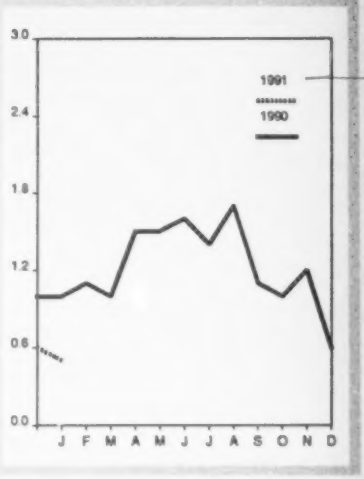
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	515.7	531.2	525.7	125.1	131.4	129.1	38.5	39.8	39.7
Goods Producing	122.1	125.3	129.9	21.0	22.8	23.6	9.8	9.8	10.8
Construction and Mining	23.9	26.0	27.0	5.0	6.8	6.9	1.7	1.8	1.8
Building Construction	7.9	8.6	9.8	1.4	1.7	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.9	13.7	13.7	3.4	4.5	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	98.2	99.3	102.9	16.0	16.0	16.7	8.1	8.0	9.0
Durable Goods	45.6	46.3	48.3	7.9	7.5	7.9	2.1	2.1	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.3	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.7	4.8	1.7	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.6	8.4	2.7	2.6	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.9	14.9	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.5	2.8	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.6	53.0	54.6	8.1	8.5	8.8	6.0	5.9	6.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	6.9	2.2	2.0	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.5	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.6	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.8	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.3	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	9.9	10.0	11.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.3	8.4	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
Service Producing	393.6	405.9	395.8	104.1	108.6	105.5	28.7	30.0	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	22.0	21.7	6.6	5.6	5.7	1.3	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.3	25.0	25.1	9.3	9.8	9.7	2.1	2.2	2.2
Retail Trade	101.8	108.4	105.6	28.6	31.5	29.4	8.0	8.9	8.1
Food Stores	19.3	19.5	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.0	30.7	30.0	7.9	8.1	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.9	24.8	25.0	12.3	11.5	12.0	2.3	2.3	2.3
Banking	10.1	10.0	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.7	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	125.8	127.5	121.8	31.7	34.0	32.9	10.6	10.8	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.7	7.0	6.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.6	15.1	13.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.1	44.9	44.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.2	18.3	19.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	77.1	79.9	77.3	13.8	14.2	13.8	4.1	4.1	4.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	629.7	638.1	619.7	574.9	596.0	587.2	54.8	42.1	32.4	8.7	6.6	5.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,600	47,300	45,600	43,300	44,800	43,800	3,300	2,500	1,800	7.1	5.4	3.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,300	43,700	42,800	38,600	39,900	40,000	4,700	3,800	2,800	10.9	8.8	6.5
Portland MSA	131,000	133,300	132,000	123,000	127,300	128,000	8,000	6,000	4,100	6.1	4.5	3.1
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	141,300	143,500	135,700	132,500	136,300	130,100	8,800	7,200	5,600	6.2	5.0	4.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,470	36,800	36,350	34,590	34,640	34,850	2,870	2,160	1,500	7.7	5.9	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	30,600	31,250	31,010	28,720	29,850	29,890	1,890	1,400	1,120	6.2	4.5	3.6
Belfast	12,610	12,710	12,220	10,740	11,250	10,880	1,870	1,460	1,340	14.9	11.5	11.0
Biddeford	28,030	28,730	28,090	25,180	26,710	26,460	2,850	2,020	1,640	10.2	7.0	5.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,580	16,260	14,760	14,460	15,500	14,110	1,130	770	650	7.2	4.7	4.4
Calais-Eastport	14,380	15,220	14,570	12,690	13,820	13,100	1,700	1,400	1,470	11.8	9.2	10.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,130	22,260	20,550	19,810	20,430	19,120	2,320	1,840	1,430	10.5	8.3	7.0
Central Penobscot	3,300	3,290	3,220	2,930	3,000	3,020	360	290	210	11.0	8.7	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,340	7,340	7,160	6,640	6,810	6,750	710	530	410	9.6	7.2	5.7
Ellsworth	25,290	26,150	24,210	22,570	24,140	22,510	2,720	2,010	1,690	10.8	7.7	7.0
Farmington	13,950	14,140	13,870	12,830	13,210	13,220	1,120	920	660	8.0	6.5	4.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,640	5,720	5,330	5,100	5,280	4,910	540	440	420	9.6	7.6	7.8
Greenville	1,440	1,440	1,450	1,310	1,300	1,330	130	130	110	8.9	9.3	7.8
Houlton	6,680	6,730	6,330	6,230	6,340	6,050	450	390	280	6.8	5.8	4.4
Kittery-York 3/	29,340	30,400	29,300	27,710	29,300	28,350	1,640	1,090	950	5.6	3.6	3.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,670	5,580	5,500	5,070	5,100	5,150	600	470	350	10.5	8.5	6.3
Livermore Falls	5,050	5,050	4,560	4,470	4,620	4,220	580	430	340	11.5	8.6	7.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,100	4,160	3,740	3,560	3,720	3,390	550	440	350	13.3	10.5	9.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,290	4,300	4,100	3,870	3,950	3,780	410	360	320	9.6	8.3	7.8
Norway-Paris	11,670	11,540	12,070	10,110	10,350	11,130	1,560	1,190	930	13.4	10.3	7.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,530	2,480	2,420	2,250	2,270	2,250	280	210	170	10.9	8.5	7.1
Rockland	19,100	19,790	19,060	17,140	18,440	17,910	1,960	1,350	1,150	10.3	6.8	6.0
Rumford	9,370	9,220	9,510	8,310	8,370	8,930	1,060	850	580	11.3	9.2	6.1
Sanford	16,940	16,960	16,620	14,990	15,540	15,430	1,950	1,430	1,190	11.5	8.4	7.2
Sebago Lakes Region	13,050	12,450	13,120	12,030	11,590	12,490	1,030	860	630	7.9	6.9	4.8
Skowhegan	24,230	24,520	22,640	21,450	22,280	21,000	2,780	2,240	1,650	11.5	9.1	7.3
Southwest Penobscot	11,850	11,690	11,310	10,300	10,450	10,240	1,550	1,250	1,070	13.1	10.7	9.5
Waterville	27,230	27,620	26,120	25,040	25,850	24,920	2,190	1,770	1,200	8.1	6.4	4.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,768.9	1,758.7	n/a	1,685.0	1,670.0	n/a	84.0	88.7	n/a	4.7	5.0
Massachusetts	3,076.0	3,114.8	3,121.9	2,798.0	2,896.7	2,967.2	278.0	218.0	154.7	9.0	7.0	5.0
New Hampshire	640.6	639.2	622.3	593.8	598.6	593.4	46.8	40.6	28.9	7.3	6.4	4.6
Rhode Island	517.0	513.6	513.0	473.7	480.2	479.7	43.3	33.4	33.3	8.4	6.5	6.5
Vermont	309.4	307.0	309.7	284.9	286.6	295.7	24.6	20.4	13.9	7.9	6.6	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	6,981.6	6,945.3	n/a	6,543.1	6,593.2	n/a	438.5	351.9	n/a	6.3	5.1
UNITED STATES (000)	123,585	124,630	123,293	114,990	117,287	116,037	8,595	7,343	7,256	7.0	5.9	5.9

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	26,556	18,758	17,612	3,829	2,668	2,053	2,377	1,727	1,635

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Four Tips

If, after analyzing the Four Rs, you decide that it might be profitable to segment your market, here are a few tips that should help.

Get the demographic information you need for decision making. The first step in demographic analysis is planning. You need actionable information, not just numbers. Any information you collect should help you solve specific marketing problems. First determine what you already know about your customers. Then determine what else you need to know, isolating the demographic component of your information needs. Sources of demographic data for Maine are federal statistical offices; private data firms; and the Division of Economic Analysis and Research and its 30 affiliates, which include councils of governments, regional planning commissions, and libraries.

Use relevant demographic variables. One or two demographic variables, such as age and income, may not be enough. Demographic data includes education levels, household types, marital status, occupation, and so on. Cluster analysis, a technique that classifies neighborhoods by statistically grouping demographic variables that are linked to one another, may be useful for some small businesses.

Use demographics to embrace--not replace--intuition. Despite the value of research, you shouldn't ignore your instincts about your customers. Demographic information can add insight to your instincts, stimulating you to market more creatively. Demographic change is the result of many social, economic, and cultural trends, and demographic information can give you a context for understanding how your customers are changing.

Use census information and current estimates. A market changes as the people who live there change. The 1980 and 1990 censuses will give you the historical information about your area that will help you understand the ongoing change. You also need up-to-date information on the local area available from the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

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Mass Layoffs Reach New High In Fourth Quarter 1990

The fourth quarter of 1990 saw a record number of Maine firms undergoing mass layoffs. More layoffs were recorded in the months of October, November and December 1990 than during any other quarter since the Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program was initiated in Maine in April 1986. MLS is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics federal/state cooperative program.

Seventy-one firms in Maine laid off 7,491 workers during the fourth quarter. For purposes of the MLS Program, a mass layoff is the separation of 20 or more of a company's employees for a period exceeding 30 days. A firm is triggered as having a potential mass layoff event when 20 or more initial claims for unemployment insurance are filed in a three-week period naming the company as the most recent employer. When a firm is triggered, the company is contacted to determine the actual number of persons separated, the week(s) of the layoff, whether or not the layoff is permanent, (i.e., more than 30 days), the reason for the layoff, and whether the firm is remaining open.

A review of the table on page two shows that of the 154 layoff events in Maine during 1990, 46 percent occurred in the last quarter of the year. Of the 16,645 persons separated, 45 percent were separated in the last quarter.

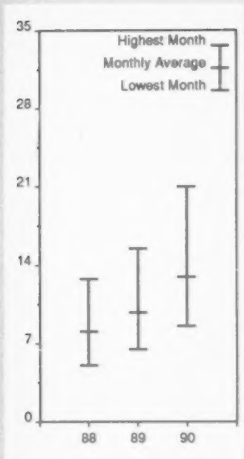
More than half of the workers separated from their jobs in the fourth quarter worked in the construction industry. During this period, several out-of-state construction companies completed projects at paper company locations within the State of Maine. While 3,873 workers were separated, only 2,596, or two-thirds of the workers, filed initial claims. Typically, many construction workers move to new jobs upon completion of a project. However, in light of the sluggish economy, it is not clear to what extent workers not filing an initial claim found new jobs as opposed to delaying the filing of an initial claim. For all industries, 84 percent of persons separated in mass layoff events filed claims for unemployment insurance.

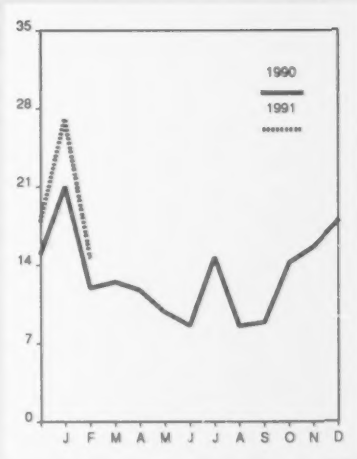
Another industry segment which experienced substantial layoff activity was retail trade. The reason given for these layoffs was seasonal as workers were separated after the December holiday shopping season. Because these separations occurred in the last weeks of the quarter, only 359 of the 1,161 workers separated filed initial claims for unemployment insurance during the quarter. The first weeks of 1991 recorded substantial initial claims from retail trade workers.

Finally, the fourth quarter recorded the closing of seven companies which employed 20 or more employees. These closings cost the jobs of 1,449 workers. For all of 1990 there were 18 companies which closed their doors, resulting in the loss of 3,102 jobs.

by Richard N. Jones
MLS Program Manager

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands





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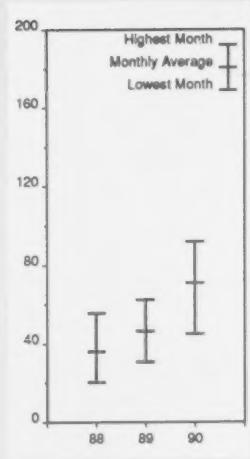
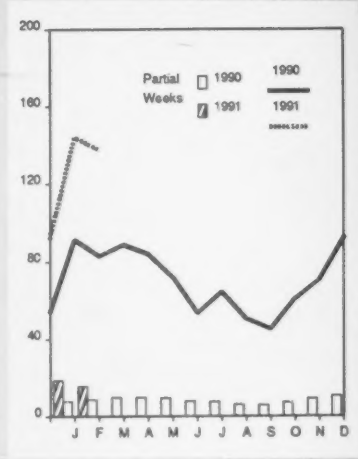
In Thousands





Layoffs and Workers Separated by Industry for Firms With 20 or More Employees Maine, 1990

Industry	Total		4th Quarter	
	Layoff Events	Workers Separated	Layoff Events	Workers Separated
Goods producing				
Construction	40	6,871	25	3,873
Food and Kindred Products	10	867	4	358
Textiles	7	300	7	300
Apparel	5	194	2	102
Leather and Leather Products	15	905	7	357
Other Manufacturing Nondurable Goods	7	665	4	296
Lumber and Wood Products/Furniture and Fixtures	16	686	4	222
Primary and Fabricated Metals/Machinery and Equipment	6	217	3	166
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10	713	3	124
Other Manufacturing Durable Goods	*	*	*	*
Service Producing				
Motor Freight Transportation	*	*	*	*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	11	2,694	3	1,161
Services	15	1,474	3	133
Government	3	289	2	206
Miscellaneous	4	214	0	0
Total	154	16,645	71	7,491

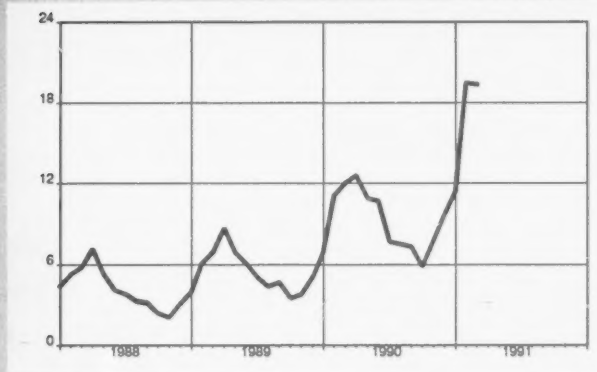
*Nondisclosable

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

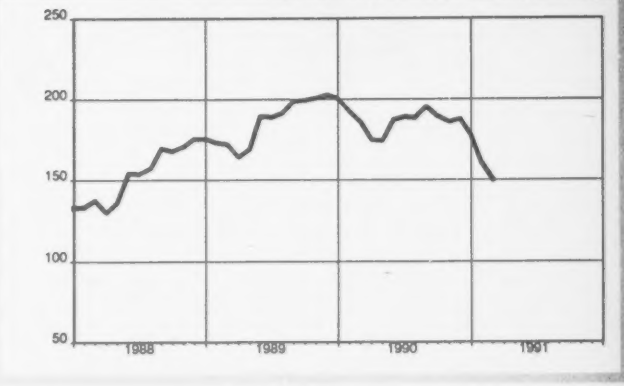
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$434.32	$434.32	$418.31	39.7	39.7	40.3	$10.94	$10.94	$10.38	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	424.27	425.41	414.12	40.6	40.4	40.6	10.45	10.53	10.20	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	371.84	361.01	377.98	41.5	41.4	41.4	8.96	8.72	9.13	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	411.93	404.56	410.55	41.4	40.7	42.9	9.95	9.94	9.57	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	535.14	484.88	499.39	44.3	41.8	43.2	12.08	11.60	11.56	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	372.38	380.76	353.28	37.5	38.0	36.8	9.93	10.02	9.60	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	488.03	512.08	486.71	40.3	40.1	40.9	12.11	12.77	11.90	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	343.80	348.53	318.68	40.4	41.1	40.7	8.51	8.48	7.83	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	443.07	442.96	420.55	38.9	39.2	39.9	11.39	11.30	10.54	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	308.24	307.43	294.88	35.8	35.5	35.4	8.61	8.66	8.33	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	358.85	344.08	334.96	41.2	39.1	39.5	8.71	8.80	8.48	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	246.06	242.09	261.73	33.8	33.3	36.1	7.28	7.27	7.25	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	670.96	665.99	664.89	42.9	43.5	45.2	15.64	15.31	14.71	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	282.49	291.27	265.68	35.4	36.5	36.9	7.98	7.98	7.20	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	356.36	373.98	365.27	36.7	37.7	38.9	9.71	9.92	9.39	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	381.98	395.49	399.85	36.8	37.1	38.3	10.38	10.66	10.44	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	350.06	355.70	356.07	37.6	37.6	39.0	9.31	9.46	9.13	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	301.4	298.2	280.3
Unemployment	18.8	23.1	9.7
(Percent)	6.2%	7.8%	3.5%
Resident Employed	282.6	275.1	270.6

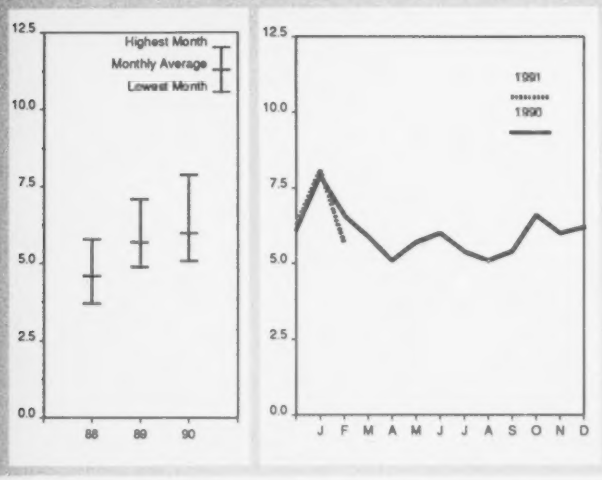
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	134.8	134.6	128.0	133.8

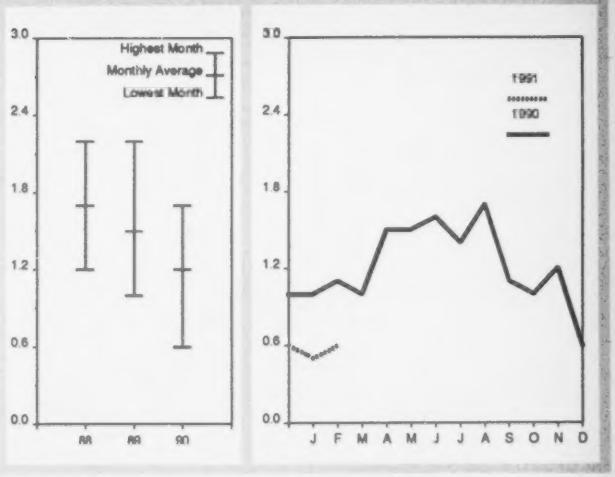
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.3%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.0	516.5	522.7	123.6	125.1	128.2	38.0	38.5	39.4
Goods Producing	118.2	121.9	128.2	21.0	21.0	23.8	9.5	9.8	10.7
Construction and Mining	21.8	23.8	25.9	4.8	5.0	6.6	1.6	1.7	1.8
Building Construction	7.1	7.9	9.4	1.3	1.4	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	11.7	12.9	13.2	3.3	3.4	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	96.4	98.1	102.3	16.2	16.0	17.2	7.9	8.1	8.9
Durable Goods	44.7	45.6	48.0	7.6	7.3	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	10.7	11.0	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.4	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.6	4.9	1.7	1.7	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.5	8.3	2.6	2.7	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.6	14.9	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.3	2.9	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.7	52.5	54.3	8.6	8.7	8.7	5.8	6.0	6.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.5	6.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.1	5.5	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.5	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.9	1.5	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.2	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	9.9	11.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.3	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.1
Service Producing	390.8	394.6	394.5	102.6	104.1	104.4	28.5	28.7	28.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.5	21.7	6.6	6.6	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.7	24.3	25.1	9.0	9.3	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	98.2	102.9	102.5	26.9	28.6	27.6	7.8	8.0	7.8
Food Stores	18.6	19.3	18.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	28.2	29.2	29.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.8	24.9	25.0	12.4	12.3	12.0	2.2	2.3	2.3
Banking	10.0	10.1	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	126.1	125.7	122.8	31.6	31.7	33.0	10.8	10.6	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.5	6.6	6.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.3	14.6	13.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.2	45.1	44.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.2	18.2	18.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	78.6	77.1	78.6	14.2	13.8	14.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	636.0	630.3	621.8	579.9	575.3	588.1	56.2	54.9	33.7	8.8	8.7	5.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,500	46,600	46,000	44,100	43,300	44,100	3,400	3,300	1,900	7.1	7.1	4.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,900	43,300	43,400	38,800	38,600	40,200	5,100	4,700	3,100	11.6	10.9	7.2
Portland MSA	132,300	131,100	132,800	124,000	123,100	128,300	8,300	8,000	4,500	6.3	6.1	3.4
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	145,600	141,000	135,800	137,600	132,200	130,600	8,000	8,800	5,200	5.5	6.2	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,120	37,500	36,330	34,450	34,630	34,660	2,670	2,880	1,670	7.2	7.7	4.6
Bath-Brunswick	30,500	30,630	30,700	28,540	28,740	29,570	1,960	1,890	1,130	6.4	6.2	3.7
Belfast	12,620	12,630	12,300	10,780	10,750	10,880	1,840	1,880	1,420	14.5	14.9	11.6
Biddeford	28,660	28,050	28,510	25,800	25,200	26,800	2,870	2,850	1,710	10.0	10.2	6.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,410	15,600	14,600	14,450	14,470	14,000	960	1,130	600	6.2	7.2	4.1
Calais-Eastport	15,150	14,410	14,860	12,990	12,700	13,400	2,160	1,710	1,460	14.2	11.9	9.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,530	22,160	20,760	20,120	19,830	19,300	2,410	2,330	1,470	10.7	10.5	7.1
Central Penobscot	3,340	3,300	3,230	2,960	2,940	3,020	380	360	210	11.5	11.0	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,510	7,350	7,200	6,690	6,640	6,780	820	710	420	10.9	9.7	5.8
Ellsworth	25,170	25,320	23,960	22,430	22,590	22,240	2,740	2,730	1,710	10.9	10.8	7.2
Farmington	14,090	13,970	14,000	12,890	12,850	13,330	1,200	1,120	670	8.5	8.0	4.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,720	5,660	5,410	5,230	5,110	5,000	490	550	410	8.6	9.7	7.5
Greenville	1,450	1,440	1,450	1,340	1,310	1,340	120	130	110	8.0	9.0	7.4
Houlton	6,690	6,690	6,330	6,210	6,230	6,020	490	450	310	7.2	6.8	4.9
Kittery-York 3/	30,290	29,300	29,630	28,730	27,640	28,700	1,560	1,670	930	5.2	5.7	3.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,790	5,670	5,550	5,120	5,080	5,170	660	600	380	11.4	10.5	6.9
Livermore Falls	5,050	5,050	4,640	4,440	4,470	4,250	610	580	400	12.0	11.5	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,100	4,110	3,800	3,620	3,560	3,450	470	550	350	11.5	13.3	9.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,410	4,290	4,160	3,960	3,880	3,860	440	420	300	10.0	9.7	7.1
Norway-Paris	11,740	11,680	11,780	10,110	10,120	10,880	1,630	1,560	890	13.9	13.4	7.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,580	2,540	2,460	2,270	2,250	2,250	300	280	200	11.8	11.2	8.2
Rockland	19,360	19,110	18,970	17,530	17,150	17,830	1,830	1,960	1,140	9.5	10.2	6.0
Rumford	9,390	9,380	9,570	8,340	8,320	8,940	1,050	1,060	630	11.2	11.3	6.5
Sanford	17,070	16,970	16,590	15,120	15,010	15,380	1,950	1,970	1,220	11.4	11.6	7.3
Sebago Lakes Region	13,170	13,070	12,960	12,060	12,040	12,240	1,110	1,030	710	8.4	7.9	5.5
Skowhegan	24,110	24,250	22,680	21,310	21,470	21,070	2,800	2,790	1,610	11.6	11.5	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	12,050	11,860	11,020	10,360	10,310	10,120	1,700	1,560	910	14.1	13.1	8.2
Waterville	27,260	27,250	26,200	25,030	25,060	25,020	2,230	2,190	1,190	8.2	8.0	4.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,760.5	1,767.3	n/a	1,662.5	1,670.5	n/a	98.0	96.8	n/a	5.6	5.5
Massachusetts	3,103.0	3,076.0	3,174.2	2,796.0	2,798.0	2,991.3	307.0	278.0	182.9	9.9	9.0	5.8
New Hampshire	629.2	640.5	618.2	585.5	593.4	586.9	43.6	47.1	31.3	6.9	7.4	5.1
Rhode Island	519.6	517.2	512.5	474.0	473.7	475.3	45.5	43.6	37.2	8.8	8.4	7.3
Vermont	307.0	309.3	310.8	282.8	284.7	296.8	24.3	24.6	14.0	7.9	8.0	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	6,624.5	7,004.8	n/a	6,102.9	6,608.9	n/a	521.6	395.9	n/a	7.9	5.7
UNITED STATES (000)	124,070	123,585	123,442	115,151	114,990	116,308	8,919	8,595	7,134	7.2	7.0	5.8

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	30,575	26,824	18,889	4,552	3,866	2,408	2,798	2,387	1,805

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

1990 Census Data Now Available

New data from the 1990 Census of Population and Housing is now available. 1990 Census Data for Governmental Units is an extract from the 1990 Census Redistricting File. This early data provides the items necessary for establishing voting district boundaries.

This publication provides the following data items for all cities and towns in Maine:

- ✔ Total population
- ✔ Counts for the population by race for White, Black, and Other Races
- ✔ Total Hispanic Origin
- ✔ Total Housing Unit Count

This publication is available at $2.00 a copy from the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, P.O. Box 309, Augusta, ME 04332-0309 or by calling (207) 289-2271.

Additional redistricting detail is available on magnetic tape and CD-ROM. Diskettes of selected data are also available. For more information contact the Regional Affiliated Data Center nearest you. The affiliates are comprised of University and College libraries, selected public libraries, Regional Planning Commissions and Councils of Governments. A complete list of affiliates is included in the publication for your convenience.

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Health Services--A Changing and Growing Industry

Establishments in the health services industry are primarily engaged in furnishing medical, surgical, psychiatric, and other health services. The industry umbrella covers professional offices, clinics and hospitals, nursing homes, laboratories, home health services, specialized outpatient facilities, and other support services.

The health services industry in Maine recorded substantial growth during the past decade, partially in response to an increasing, aging population. Also contributing to employment growth was expanding health coverage and health care service specialization.

* Employment in the health services industry grew 33 percent between 1980 and 1990, surpassing the growth rate of 28 percent recorded by total nonfarm employment.
* Most firms in health services are small. Of the 2,039 firms operating in Maine in 1988, about 79 percent employed a staff of less than ten.
* Over 75 percent of all health services employment is concentrated in firms with 50 or more employees.
* Although occupations in health services cover a wide range of managerial, professional and technical, clerical, service, production, and maintenance positions, three occupations make up 40 percent of total employment in this industry. Those are nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants; registered nurses; and licensed practical nurses.
* There is approximately one physician for every 590 persons in Maine. Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, and Penobscot counties have more physicians relative to their populations than the state.
* Anticipated trends in health services are: growth in specialized out-patient treatment, regionalization of hospitals, and an increase in nursing and home care services.

This information and more is included in a report, Health Services, just released by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research. This publication provides a thorough analysis of the industry. Included is an in-depth description of events in the field of health services in the 1970s, and how the industry further developed and changed during the 1980s in Maine. Also covered are national employment trends and the outlook for the industry in Maine.

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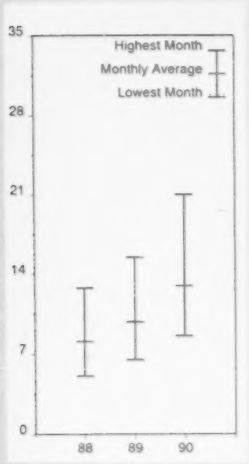

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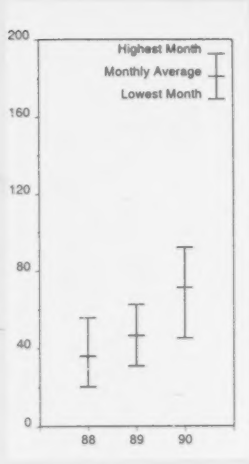

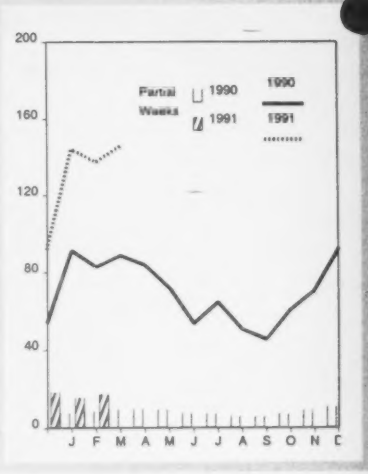

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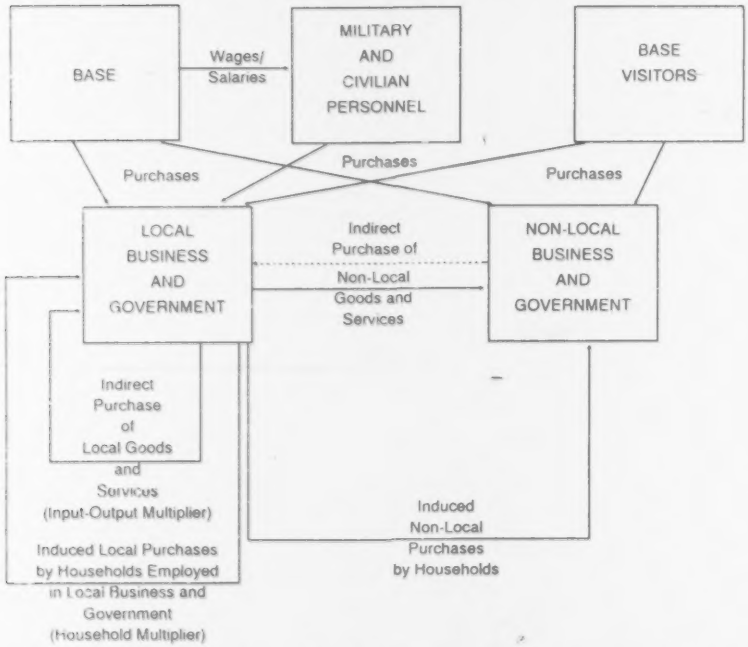
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NON-LOCAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT
Indirect Purchase of Local Goods and Services (Input-Output Multiplier)
Induced Local Purchases by Households Employed in Local Business and Government (Household Multiplier)
Induced Non-Local Purchases by Households

Primary Impact Area includes the Caribou-Presque Isle Labor Market Area towns of Limestone, Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, Caswell Plantation, Connor Township, New Sweden, Stockholm, the balance of the Caribou-Presque Isle Labor Market Area, and Van Buren, Hamlin, and Cyr Plantation in the Madawaska-Van Buren Labor Market Area.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, and Northeastern University, Center for Urban and Regional Studies. *Measuring the Economic Influence of Loring Air Force Base on the Local Economy.* Labor Market Information Research Monograph Series No. 101, Augusta, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts, 1980.

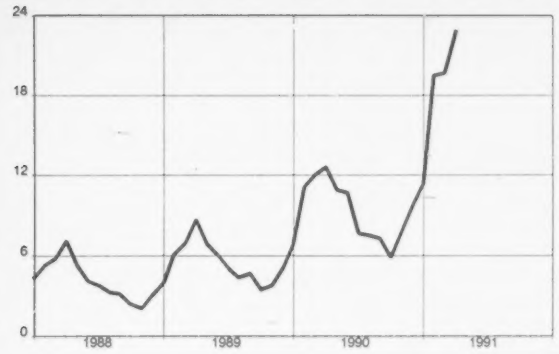
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$441.90	$434.32	$427.00	40.1	39.7	40.9	$11.02	$10.94	$10.44	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	430.44	424.27	432.22	40.8	40.6	41.6	10.55	10.45	10.39	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	364.42	371.84	396.26	40.9	41.5	42.2	8.91	8.96	9.39	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	418.76	411.93	427.15	42.6	41.4	43.9	9.83	9.95	9.73	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	548.60	535.14	508.20	44.1	44.3	44.0	12.44	12.08	11.55	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	386.69	372.38	369.22	38.4	37.5	38.5	10.07	9.93	9.59	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	494.91	488.03	512.82	40.7	40.3	42.0	12.16	12.11	12.21	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	347.58	343.80	324.72	40.7	40.4	41.0	8.54	8.51	7.92	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	451.88	443.07	421.30	39.5	38.9	40.2	11.44	11.39	10.48	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	316.46	308.24	297.36	36.5	35.8	35.4	8.67	8.61	8.40	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	351.92	358.85	334.31	39.9	41.2	39.1	8.82	8.71	8.55	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	244.55	246.06	273.43	33.5	33.8	37.0	7.30	7.28	7.39	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	682.78	670.96	652.40	43.6	42.9	45.4	15.66	15.64	14.37	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	294.20	282.49	272.29	37.1	35.4	37.3	7.93	7.98	7.30	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	367.64	356.36	373.43	37.4	36.7	39.6	9.83	9.71	9.43	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	387.76	381.98	408.95	37.0	36.8	38.8	10.48	10.38	10.54	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	375.31	350.06	359.72	39.8	37.6	39.4	9.43	9.31	9.13	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	299.6	301.5	290.1
Unemployment	17.7	18.8	18.2
(Percent)	5.9%	6.3%	6.3%
Resident Employed	281.9	282.7	271.9

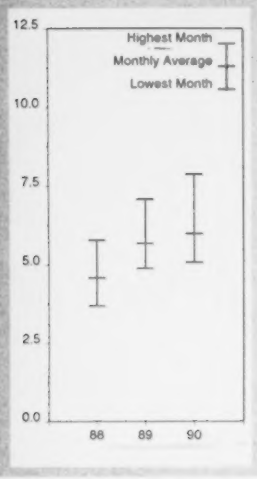
U.S. Consumer Price Index

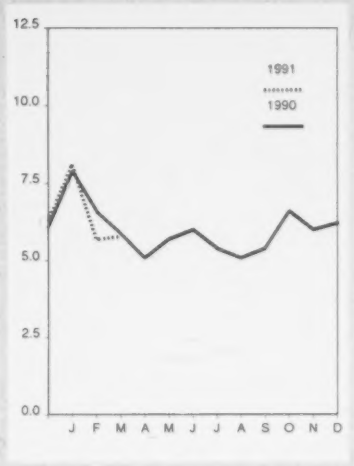
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	135.0	134.8	128.7	133.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.9%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
in Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
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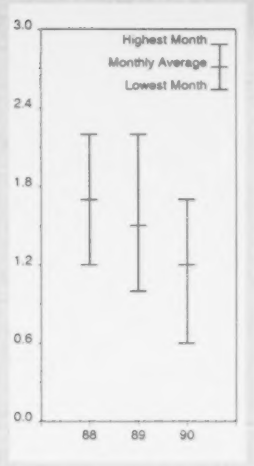

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	507.2	509.2	525.2	122.8	123.6	128.2	37.7	38.0	39.5
Goods Producing	117.2	118.4	128.1	20.8	21.0	23.0	9.5	9.5	10.7
Construction and Mining	21.9	22.0	26.1	4.6	4.8	6.3	1.6	1.6	1.8
Building Construction	7.1	7.4	9.1	1.2	1.3	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	11.9	11.7	13.4	3.2	3.3	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	95.3	96.4	102.0	16.2	16.2	16.7	7.9	7.9	8.9
Durable Goods	43.9	44.7	47.6	7.5	7.6	7.9	2.1	2.1	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	10.0	10.7	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.5	4.6	4.8	1.6	1.7	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.4	8.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.6	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.0	4.1	4.6	3.3	3.3	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.4	51.7	54.4	8.7	8.6	8.8	5.8	5.8	6.5
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.5	7.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.2	5.1	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.8	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.5	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6	5.9	1.5	1.5	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	9.6	9.7	11.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.0	8.1	9.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.1
Service Producing	390.0	390.8	397.1	102.0	102.6	105.2	28.2	28.5	28.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	21.2	21.8	6.7	6.6	6.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.7	25.0	9.0	9.0	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	98.5	98.2	103.2	26.4	26.9	27.5	7.7	7.8	7.8
Food Stores	18.7	18.6	18.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.4	28.3	30.7	7.9	7.9	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.8	24.8	25.1	12.4	12.4	12.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.0	10.0	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	124.9	126.2	123.8	31.2	31.6	33.4	10.6	10.8	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	6.6	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.1	14.3	14.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.1	45.2	44.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	18.2	18.2	19.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	78.3	78.5	79.1	14.4	14.2	14.3	4.1	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	636.9	636.4	627.0	580.2	580.0	590.9	56.6	56.4	36.1	8.9	8.9	5.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,200	47,500	45,900	43,900	44,100	43,900	3,300	3,400	1,900	6.9	7.1	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,400	44,000	43,300	38,300	38,800	40,100	5,000	5,100	3,200	11.6	11.6	7.3
Portland MSA	131,200	132,300	132,900	122,700	124,100	128,100	8,500	8,300	4,900	6.5	6.3	3.7
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	142,400	141,900	136,400	134,100	133,900	131,000	8,300	8,100	5,400	5.9	5.7	4.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,400	37,160	36,830	34,690	34,450	35,140	2,710	2,710	1,690	7.2	7.3	4.6
Bath-Brunswick	30,870	30,520	31,680	28,860	28,550	30,540	2,010	1,980	1,150	6.5	6.5	3.6
Belfast	12,790	12,660	12,330	10,890	10,790	11,030	1,890	1,870	1,300	14.8	14.8	10.6
Biddeford	29,020	28,670	28,670	26,110	25,800	26,850	2,920	2,870	1,820	10.1	10.0	6.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,880	15,420	15,010	14,960	14,450	14,410	930	970	600	5.8	6.3	4.0
Calais-Eastport	15,230	15,150	14,980	13,010	12,990	13,530	2,220	2,150	1,450	14.6	14.2	9.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,480	22,540	20,940	20,180	20,120	19,400	2,300	2,420	1,540	10.2	10.7	7.4
Central Penobscot	3,200	3,340	3,170	2,840	2,960	2,950	360	380	230	11.4	11.5	7.2
Dover-Foxcroft	7,520	7,510	7,240	6,620	6,690	6,680	890	810	560	11.9	10.8	7.7
Ellsworth	25,900	25,190	24,540	23,080	22,430	22,770	2,820	2,750	1,780	10.9	10.9	7.2
Farmington	14,290	14,110	14,350	13,010	12,900	13,440	1,280	1,220	910	8.9	8.6	6.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,520	5,730	5,220	4,900	5,230	4,730	620	510	490	11.2	8.8	9.4
Greenville	1,360	1,460	1,410	1,220	1,340	1,290	140	120	130	10.5	8.2	9.1
Houlton	6,770	6,700	6,500	6,320	6,210	6,120	450	500	380	6.7	7.4	5.8
Kittery-York 3/	30,130	30,350	29,710	28,660	28,730	28,770	1,470	1,620	940	4.9	5.3	3.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,790	5,790	5,750	5,100	5,130	5,190	680	660	560	11.8	11.4	9.8
Livermore Falls	5,220	5,050	4,620	4,580	4,440	4,280	640	610	340	12.2	12.0	7.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,170	4,100	3,840	3,660	3,620	3,470	500	480	370	12.1	11.7	9.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,440	4,410	4,180	3,960	3,960	3,870	480	440	310	10.9	10.1	7.5
Norway-Paris	11,980	11,740	12,010	10,350	10,120	10,940	1,630	1,620	1,070	13.6	13.8	8.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,590	2,580	2,480	2,240	2,270	2,200	350	310	280	13.4	12.0	11.3
Rockland	19,350	19,370	19,370	17,540	17,530	17,920	1,810	1,840	1,450	9.3	9.5	7.5
Rumford	9,400	9,400	9,810	8,360	8,340	9,030	1,040	1,060	780	11.1	11.3	8.0
Sanford	17,170	17,060	16,630	15,300	15,130	15,450	1,870	1,940	1,180	10.9	11.3	7.1
Sebago Lakes Region	13,300	13,190	13,040	12,150	12,070	12,250	1,150	1,130	790	8.6	8.5	6.1
Skowhegan	24,310	24,120	23,290	21,450	21,310	21,440	2,850	2,810	1,840	11.7	11.6	7.9
Southwest Penobscot	12,100	12,060	11,110	10,470	10,360	10,110	1,630	1,700	990	13.5	14.1	8.9
Waterville	26,930	27,240	26,190	24,740	25,040	24,990	2,200	2,210	1,190	8.2	8.1	4.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,788.3	n/a	n/a	1,693.4	n/a	n/a	94.9	n/a	n/a	5.3
Massachusetts	3,136.0	3,103.0	3,165.9	2,814.0	2,796.0	2,977.8	322.0	307.0	188.2	10.3	9.9	5.9
New Hampshire	633.8	629.4	623.5	587.2	585.5	589.1	46.6	43.9	34.5	7.4	7.0	5.5
Rhode Island	520.4	520.2	516.9	476.4	474.3	476.8	44.0	45.9	40.1	8.5	8.8	7.8
Vermont	307.4	307.0	308.9	285.2	282.6	293.8	22.2	24.4	15.1	7.2	7.9	4.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	7,030.5	n/a	n/a	6,621.8	n/a	n/a	408.9	n/a	n/a	5.8
UNITED STATES (000)	124,443	124,070	123,789	115,639	115,151	117,093	8,804	8,919	6,697	7.1	7.2	5.4

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	30,948	31,171	18,916	4,741	4,632	2,675	2,859	2,843	1,788

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	1991 1st Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	511.0	536.2	524.8	-25.2	-13.8
Goods Producing	119.2	128.4	129.0	-9.2	-9.8
Construction and Mining	22.6	28.0	26.4	-5.4	-3.8
Building Construction	7.5	9.0	9.4	-1.5	-1.9
Special Trade Contractors	12.2	14.5	13.4	-2.3	-1.2
Manufacturing	96.6	100.4	102.6	-3.8	-6.0
Durable Goods	44.7	46.9	48.1	-2.2	-3.4
Lumber and Wood Products	10.6	11.4	11.3	-.8	-.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.5	3.5	-.2	-.2
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.7	4.9	-.1	-.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.7	8.4	-.3	-1.0
Transportation Equipment	14.7	15.1	15.4	-.4	-.7
Other Durable Goods	4.1	4.5	4.6	-.4	-.5
Nondurable Goods	51.9	53.5	54.5	-1.6	-2.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.7	7.0	-.2	-.5
Textile Mill Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-.1	-.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	3.0	3.0	-.2	-.2
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.5	17.2	.0	.3
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.8	5.9	-.2	-.3
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.5	3.7	-.1	-.3
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	10.3	11.1	-.6	-1.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.7	9.3	-.6	-1.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.3	1.1	-.2	.0
Service Producing	391.8	407.8	395.8	-16.0	-4.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.4	22.3	21.8	-.9	-.4
Wholesale Trade	23.9	25.1	25.1	-1.2	-1.2
Retail Trade	99.9	108.7	103.7	-8.8	-3.8
Food Stores	18.9	19.4	18.5	-.5	.4
Eating and Drinking Places	29.0	32.2	30.2	-3.2	-1.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.8	24.9	25.0	-.1	-.2
Banking	10.0	10.1	10.2	-.1	-.2
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.7	10.3	.1	.5
Services	125.6	128.7	122.8	-3.1	2.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	8.4	6.3	-1.8	.3
Business Services	14.3	15.0	13.9	-.7	.4
Health Services	45.1	44.6	44.4	.5	.7
Federal Government	18.2	18.4	19.1	-.2	-.9
State and Local Government	78.0	79.7	78.3	-1.7	-.3
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	.0	.0

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Maine Tourist Industry Optimistic About Summer of 1991

The summer tourism impacts the entire State...from inland parks and sporting camps to coastal campgrounds and resorts, with the largest share of tourist-related activity being concentrated along the coast. The effect of summer tourism in Maine is most directly associated with seasonal growth in the following industries: eating and drinking places; hotels, rooming houses, camps, and other lodging places; museums and art galleries; and establishments in miscellaneous retail trade (i.e., gift, novelty, and souvenir shops, etc.).

The current overall assessment of these industries, which might be identified as the group comprising the "tourist industry," reveals conditions that are cautiously optimistic for the summer of 1991. After years of demonstrated employment growth, the summer of "90" found the tourist industry decreasing somewhat. Between 1988 and 1989, annual average employment in the industry increased 6 percent. Such aggregate growth was mostly attributable to increasing numbers of or expansions within eating and drinking places. However, between 1989 and 1990, employment in the industry decreased by 4 percent with the largest employment decrease occurring in eating and drinking places.

Attendance at state parks is expected to increase for 1991, as advance reservations are up 12.5 percent over 1990. The weather is an important factor for state parks and other major tourist areas, often having an impact as great as the overall economic conditions.

Along the coast, in the Old Orchard Beach area, expectations are for at least as good a year as last year, possibly better. Decreased advertising by the town, along with poor economic conditions in Massachusetts, may dampen a strong recovery in this area.

Moving up the coast slightly into the Portland area, activity in the tourist industry should be better than last year. Telephone inquiries about the area are up over last year, while mail inquiries are running at about the same pace.

The Sebago Lake/Naples/Bridgton region is expecting a better year this year. Many motels are booked throughout the summer and fall, and inquiries from other states are up over last year.

Moving back toward the coast, the Waldoboro area, with increased inquiries about cottages and other lodging, is expected to increase over last year.

Advance reservations are also strong in the Rockland region. Bus tours and windjammer reservations are up over last year, while general inquiries are running about the same.

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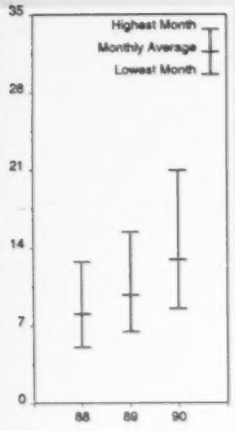
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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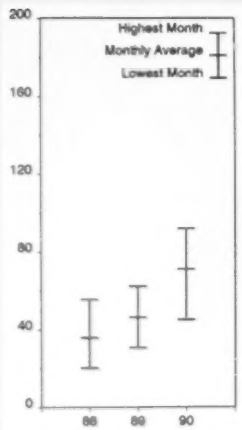
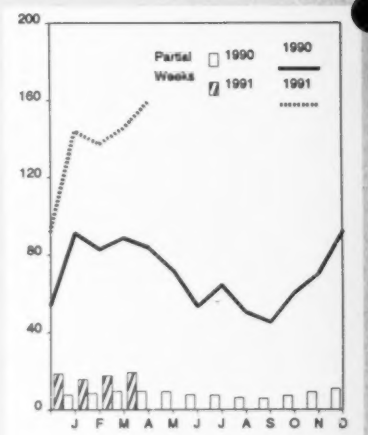




Unemployment Insurance Quality Control

The Maine Department of Labor operates a Quality Control Program which audits the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to determine the accuracy of those payments. Each week eight payments are randomly selected as an audit sample, and approximately 20 hours are devoted to reviewing every aspect of a single payment. The investigators interview the claimant and his or her last employer, audit all payroll records which affect the claim, verify documentation relative to issues such as pension receipt and dependency allowance, and conduct in-person interviews with each employer that the claimant listed as a work search contact.

The vast majority of benefit overpayments was related to work search issues. The Employment Security Law requires that an individual be actively seeking work to qualify for unemployment compensation, and claimants list their work search contacts on their weekly claim forms. An overpayment is established by the Quality Control Unit when an investigator determines that the individual did not make an adequate search for work, did not contact one or more of the employers listed, or did not contact them during the week being audited. During CY 1990, 82 percent of the work search related overpayments involved fraud, and these accounted for all of the fraud determinations made by the Quality Control Unit.

Summary of Quality Control Investigations, CY 1990

Item	Number of Payments	Dollars Paid	Item	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Population	729,626	$110,248,002	Proper Payments	87.1%	3.3%
Sample	403	61,084	Overpayments	12.9	3.3
			Underpayments	0.7	0.4

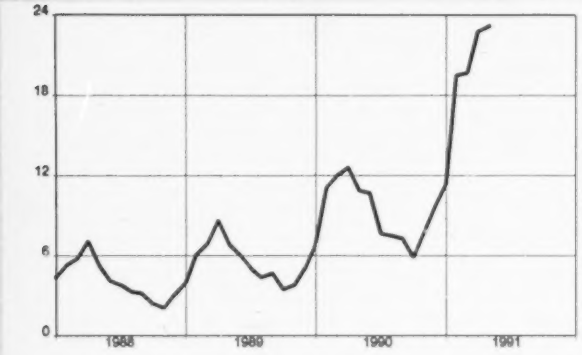
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

in Millions

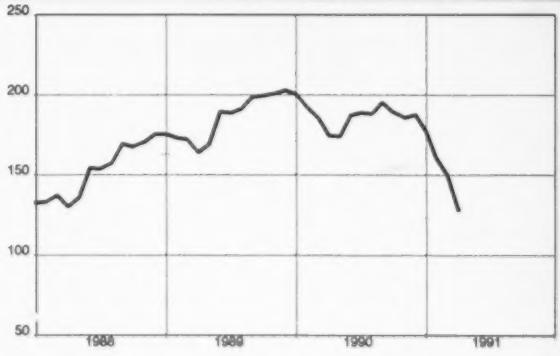
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

in Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$433.32	$441.90	$420.55	39.5	40.1	39.6	$10.97	$11.02	$10.62	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	425.72	430.44	403.97	40.2	40.8	39.8	10.59	10.55	10.15	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	359.51	364.42	365.62	40.9	40.9	41.5	8.79	8.91	8.81	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	420.58	418.76	410.55	41.6	42.6	42.5	10.11	9.83	9.66	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	533.66	548.60	491.62	43.6	44.1	43.2	12.24	12.44	11.38	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	376.84	386.69	347.87	37.2	38.4	35.9	10.13	10.07	9.69	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	495.16	494.91	466.48	39.9	40.7	39.2	12.41	12.16	11.90	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	344.73	347.58	320.39	40.7	40.7	40.2	8.47	8.54	7.97	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	439.96	451.88	434.58	38.9	39.5	39.4	11.31	11.44	11.03	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	311.87	316.46	289.91	35.4	36.5	33.4	8.81	8.67	8.68	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	344.74	351.92	320.42	39.9	39.9	37.0	8.64	8.82	8.66	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	242.31	244.55	272.84	32.7	33.5	35.9	7.41	7.30	7.60	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	654.80	682.78	694.60	42.3	43.6	44.9	15.48	15.66	15.47	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	287.12	294.20	278.23	37.0	37.1	36.9	7.76	7.93	7.54	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	376.00	367.64	364.49	37.6	37.4	38.9	10.00	9.83	9.37	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	389.24	387.76	406.35	37.0	37.0	38.7	10.52	10.48	10.50	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	361.90	375.31	332.51	38.5	37.4	36.3	9.40	9.91	9.16	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	297.4	299.7	287.4
Unemployment	16.9	17.8	18.8
(Percent)	5.7%	5.9%	6.5%
Resident Employed	280.5	281.9	268.5

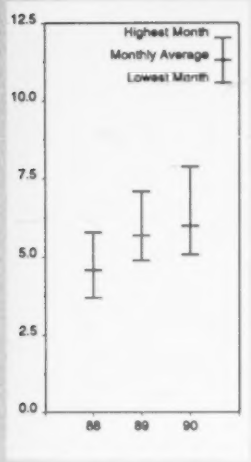
U.S. Consumer Price Index

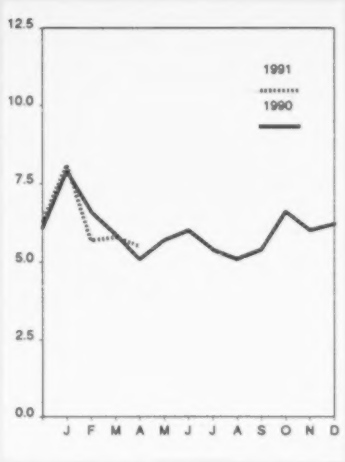
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	135.2	135.0	128.9	133.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.9%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	505.7	507.2	530.6	122.5	122.8	129.3	38.1	37.7	39.7
Goods Producing	117.3	117.3	128.7	20.9	20.8	23.0	9.9	9.5	10.8
Construction and Mining	22.8	21.9	27.6	5.0	4.6	6.5	1.7	1.6	1.8
Building Construction	7.1	7.1	9.0	1.2	1.2	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.3	11.8	14.4	3.5	3.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	94.5	95.4	101.1	15.9	16.2	16.5	8.2	7.9	9.0
Durable Goods	43.3	43.9	46.6	7.2	7.5	7.9	2.2	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	9.6	10.0	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.3	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.5	4.5	4.9	1.6	1.6	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.4	8.4	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.5	14.7	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.1	4.0	4.6	3.0	3.3	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.2	51.5	54.5	8.7	8.7	8.6	6.0	5.8	6.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.5	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.1	5.2	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	2.7	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.6	5.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	9.8	9.6	10.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.0	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.1	1.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
Service Producing	388.4	389.9	401.9	101.6	102.0	106.3	28.2	28.2	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	21.4	21.8	7.0	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.7	23.7	25.1	9.0	9.0	9.5	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	98.1	98.5	105.1	26.4	26.4	27.6	7.7	7.7	7.9
Food Stores	18.6	18.7	18.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.4	29.4	33.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.7	24.8	25.0	12.3	12.4	12.0	2.1	2.1	2.3
Banking	10.0	10.0	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	125.1	125.0	125.7	31.2	31.2	34.0	10.7	10.6	10.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.9	6.6	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.4	14.1	14.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.1	45.1	44.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	18.2	20.3	1.9	1.9	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	77.5	78.3	78.9	13.8	14.4	14.1	4.0	4.1	4.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	638.0	637.2	626.1	584.0	580.2	596.2	53.9	57.0	29.9	8.5	8.9	4.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,800	47,200	46,700	44,700	43,900	45,200	3,200	3,300	1,600	6.6	6.9	3.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,200	43,400	42,700	38,700	38,300	40,200	4,500	5,000	2,500	10.5	11.6	5.9
Portland MSA	130,700	131,300	132,700	122,700	122,700	128,800	8,000	8,500	3,900	6.1	6.5	3.0
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	138,000	n/a	n/a	133,000	n/a	n/a	5,100	n/a	n/a	3.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,260	37,430	37,060	34,800	34,690	35,620	2,460	2,730	1,440	6.6	7.3	3.9
Bath-Brunswick	31,210	30,870	31,940	29,360	28,860	31,010	1,850	2,010	940	5.9	6.5	2.9
Belfast	12,890	12,800	12,200	11,230	10,890	11,290	1,650	1,910	910	12.8	14.9	7.4
Biddeford	28,880	29,020	28,690	26,170	26,100	27,220	2,710	2,920	1,470	9.4	10.1	5.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,330	15,900	15,930	15,470	14,960	15,480	860	940	450	5.3	5.9	2.8
Calais-Eastport	15,430	15,250	14,870	13,180	13,010	13,430	2,250	2,240	1,440	14.6	14.7	9.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,640	22,510	20,940	20,340	20,180	19,570	2,300	2,330	1,370	10.1	10.3	6.5
Central Penobscot	3,160	3,200	3,040	2,780	2,840	2,820	380	370	220	12.0	11.4	7.3
Dover-Foxcroft	7,430	7,520	7,120	6,610	6,620	6,650	810	890	470	11.0	11.9	6.5
Ellsworth	26,410	25,910	25,280	24,110	23,080	24,000	2,300	2,840	1,280	8.7	10.9	5.1
Farmington	13,940	14,290	13,540	12,480	13,010	12,710	1,460	1,290	830	10.5	9.0	6.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,390	5,540	5,150	4,660	4,900	4,550	730	640	610	13.6	11.6	11.8
Greenville	1,240	1,360	1,180	1,060	1,220	1,040	180	140	150	14.5	10.4	12.3
Houlton	6,820	6,770	6,450	6,270	6,320	6,010	550	450	440	8.1	6.6	6.8
Kittery-York 3/	29,970	30,200	29,840	28,740	28,670	29,120	1,230	1,530	720	4.1	5.1	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,790	5,460	4,830	5,100	4,920	790	680	540	14.0	11.8	9.9
Livermore Falls	5,210	5,220	4,750	4,630	4,580	4,460	580	640	290	11.1	12.3	6.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,240	4,170	4,060	3,750	3,660	3,730	490	510	330	11.6	12.2	8.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,500	4,440	4,200	3,960	3,960	3,920	540	480	280	11.9	10.8	6.6
Norway-Paris	12,060	11,980	11,750	10,490	10,350	10,870	1,570	1,630	880	13.1	13.6	7.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,560	2,610	2,400	2,110	2,240	2,100	450	370	300	17.6	14.1	12.5
Rockland	19,670	19,350	19,480	17,970	17,540	18,340	1,700	1,810	1,140	8.6	9.4	5.8
Rumford	9,170	9,390	9,260	8,090	8,360	8,560	1,070	1,040	700	11.7	11.0	7.5
Sanford	17,190	17,190	16,600	15,480	15,300	15,730	1,710	1,900	870	10.0	11.0	5.2
Sebago Lakes Region	13,320	13,300	12,510	12,200	12,150	11,870	1,120	1,150	640	8.4	8.7	5.1
Skowhegan	24,720	24,300	23,090	21,810	21,450	21,570	2,900	2,850	1,520	11.7	11.7	6.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,950	12,120	10,880	10,390	10,470	10,100	1,560	1,650	770	13.1	13.6	7.1
Waterville	27,030	26,940	26,320	24,980	24,740	25,370	2,050	2,210	940	7.6	8.2	3.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,793.2	n/a	n/a	1,700.1	n/a	n/a	93.1	n/a	n/a	5.2
Massachusetts	3,111.4	3,136.0	3,160.4	2,851.8	2,814.0	2,987.3	259.6	322.0	173.1	8.3	10.3	5.5
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	622.7	n/a	n/a	588.6	n/a	n/a	34.1	n/a	n/a	5.5
Rhode Island	512.7	520.6	518.9	470.8	476.4	481.3	41.9	44.2	37.6	8.2	8.5	7.2
Vermont	301.4	307.6	307.7	279.2	285.4	293.9	22.2	22.3	13.8	7.4	7.2	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	7,029.0	n/a	n/a	6,647.4	n/a	n/a	381.6	n/a	n/a	5.4
UNITED STATES (000)	124,727	124,443	123,816	116,678	115,639	117,359	8,049	8,804	6,457	6.5	7.1	5.2

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	28,928	31,738	17,015	4,474	4,864	2,328	2,491	2,911	1,528

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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The Camden area, with heavy inquiries from out of state, is expecting a better year than last year. The Seabourn Cruise Lines will be docking for a tentative 11 stops and the Clipper Cruise Lines will be making 3 or 4 stops. Also, the Center for Creative Imaging, a Kodak Division, had an open house on May 4, 1991 and will be running a school every two weeks year round.

Searsport has also had a record number of inquiries and expects a better year for tourism. In addition, more Canadians are expected to visit as a result of monetary incentives. Some area businesses are offering par value for Canadian dollars. All Canadian provinces have their own sales taxes and New Brunswick's rate is presently 11 percent. Canada has just instituted a national sales tax of 7 percent. With a combined sales tax rate of 18 percent, New Brunswick residents should find Maine's rate of 5 percent much more attractive.

In the Ellsworth and Bar Harbor regions inquiries and reservations are up over last year.

Although overall economic conditions in Maine have not yet turned the corner, it appears that tourism will have a strong showing in 1991 and hopefully be the precursor of an impending economic recovery.

This report was prepared by Bill Curran, Economic Research Analyst, based on a survey of industry representatives.

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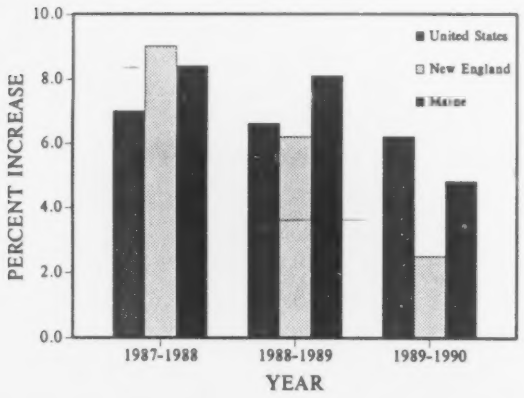
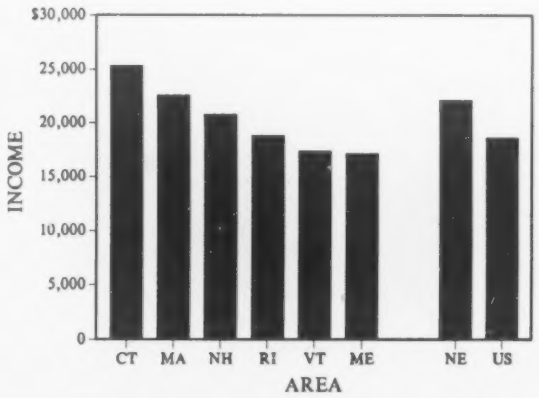
The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Per Capita Personal Income Growth Slows in 1990

Growth Rate



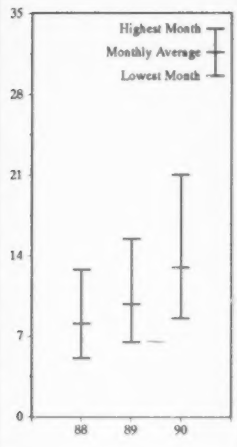
1990 Income



As a result of the economic slowdown, per capita income growth decelerated rapidly between 1987 and 1990 in New England. The rate of income growth also slowed in Maine during this time period, although not as quickly, going from 8.4 percent in 1987-1988 to 4.8 percent in 1989-1990. Of the New England states, the growth rate of 4.8 percent between 1989 and 1990 registered by Maine was second to Vermont at 5.7 percent.

Although Maine recorded the lowest per capita income in New England during 1990 at $17,200, Maine income has risen from 83 percent of the national income in 1980 to 92 percent of the 1990 national estimate of $18,685. Maine per capita income as a percent of national income reached a peak of 93 percent in 1989 before falling slightly in 1990. This fall resulted from national per capita income growing faster than income in Maine during 1990.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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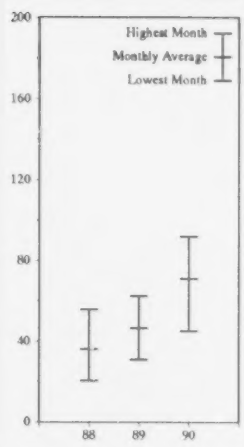
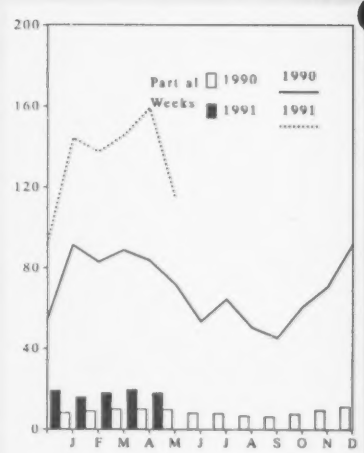
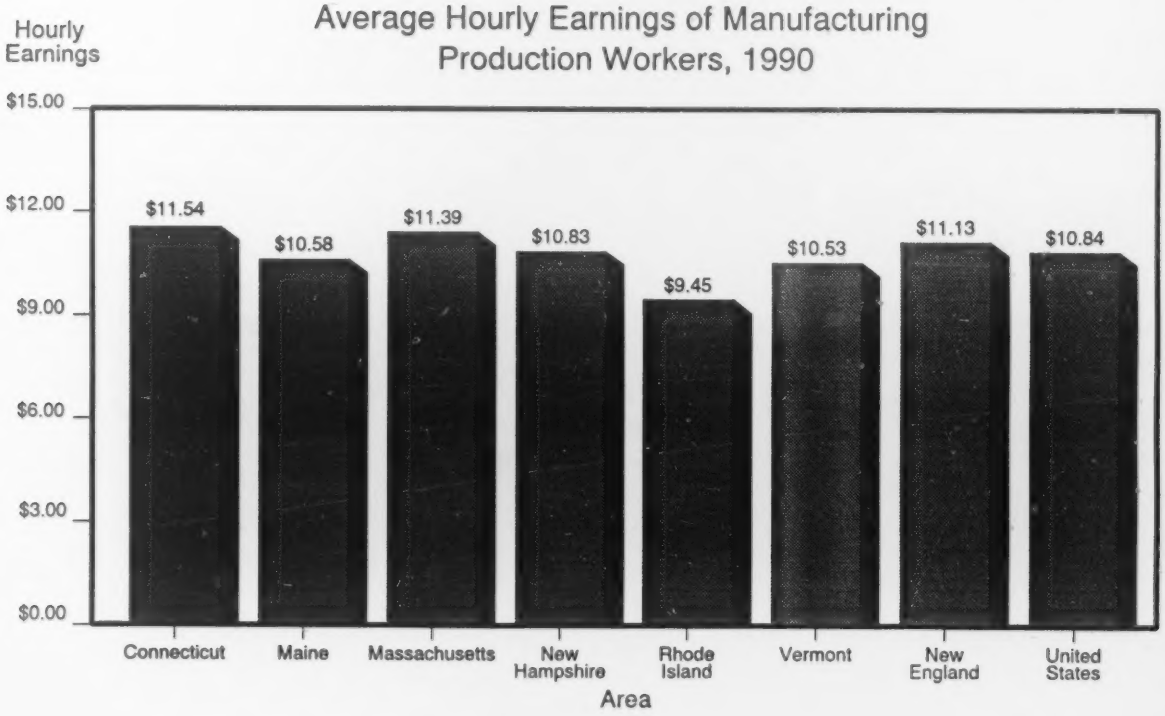




Average Hourly Earnings of Manufacturing Production Workers, 1990



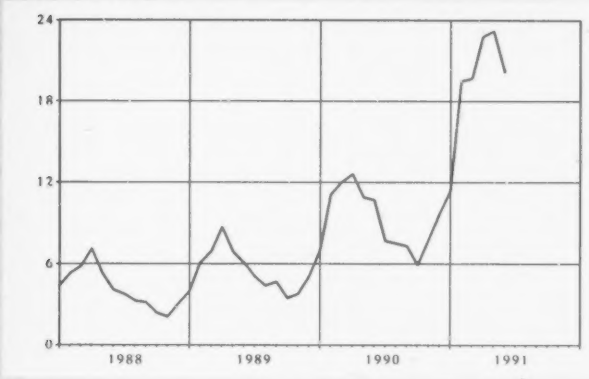
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

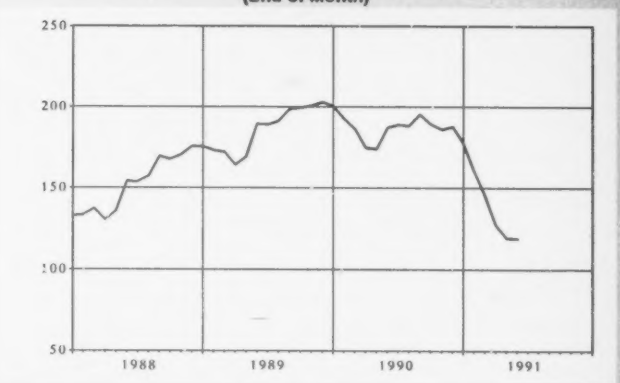
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$436.55	$433.32	$420.65	39.4	39.5	40.1	$11.08	$10.97	$10.49	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	422.65	425.72	401.39	40.1	40.2	39.9	10.54	10.59	10.06	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	362.20	359.51	366.06	41.3	40.9	40.9	8.77	8.79	8.95	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	417.54	420.58	400.19	41.3	41.6	41.6	10.11	10.11	9.62	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	522.52	533.66	480.80	42.9	43.6	41.7	12.18	12.24	11.53	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	378.48	376.84	350.04	38.0	37.2	36.5	9.96	10.13	9.59	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	489.53	495.16	459.69	39.1	39.9	39.8	12.52	12.41	11.55	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	350.24	344.73	331.66	41.4	40.7	41.2	8.46	8.47	8.05	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	447.36	439.96	437.26	38.8	38.9	40.3	11.53	11.31	10.85	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	335.96	311.87	318.32	37.0	35.4	36.8	9.08	8.81	8.65	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	341.25	344.74	339.30	38.3	39.9	39.0	8.91	8.64	8.70	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	253.51	242.31	280.12	33.4	32.7	37.2	7.59	7.41	7.53	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	662.69	654.80	680.33	41.6	42.3	44.7	15.93	15.48	15.22	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	289.38	287.12	277.51	37.1	37.0	37.2	7.80	7.76	7.46	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	374.45	376.00	379.89	37.9	37.6	40.5	9.88	10.00	9.38	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	384.28	389.24	407.01	37.2	37.0	38.8	10.33	10.52	10.49	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	355.85	361.90	364.57	38.1	38.5	38.6	9.34	9.40	9.16	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	293.7	297.7	285.5
Unemployment	21.4	17.0	8.6
(Percent)	7.3%	5.7%	3.0%
Resident Employed	272.3	280.8	276.8

U.S. Consumer Price Index

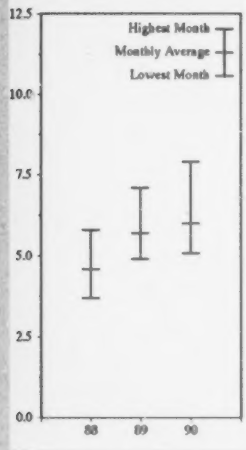
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	135.6	135.2	129.2	133.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.0%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work

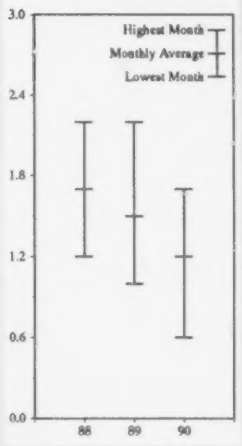
In Thousands

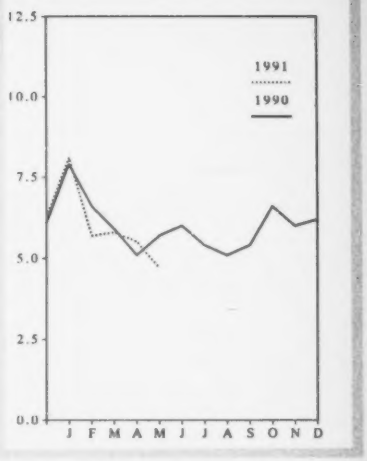


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	515.3	506.7	540.9	124.2	122.5	130.9	38.4	38.0	40.3
Goods Producing	119.1	117.3	132.4	21.1	20.9	23.6	10.0	9.8	11.1
Construction and Mining	24.2	22.8	30.5	5.4	5.0	6.8	1.7	1.7	2.0
Building Construction	7.4	7.1	9.7	1.1	1.2	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.8	12.4	15.7	3.9	3.5	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	94.9	94.5	101.9	15.7	15.9	16.8	8.3	8.1	9.1
Durable Goods	42.8	43.2	47.1	7.0	7.2	8.2	2.3	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	9.4	9.5	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.2	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.5	4.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.4	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	14.1	14.5	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.3	4.1	4.9	2.8	3.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.1	51.3	54.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	6.0	6.0	6.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.3	6.4	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.2	5.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.6	2.5	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.4	17.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	9.8	10.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.2	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.4	1.2	1.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.3
Service Producing	396.2	389.4	408.5	103.1	101.6	107.3	28.4	28.2	29.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.4	21.5	22.1	7.1	7.0	6.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.9	23.7	25.2	8.9	9.0	9.5	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	103.1	98.2	108.7	27.3	26.4	28.1	7.8	7.7	7.9
Food Stores	19.0	18.6	19.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	33.6	29.4	35.4	8.7	7.9	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	24.7	25.1	12.4	12.3	12.0	2.2	2.1	2.3
Banking	10.0	10.0	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	127.7	125.9	128.1	31.5	31.2	34.3	10.7	10.7	11.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.3	6.9	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.1	14.4	14.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.3	45.1	44.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.8	20.3	1.9	1.9	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	77.2	77.6	79.0	14.0	13.8	14.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	638.3	638.8	631.4	585.4	584.5	604.9	52.9	54.3	26.5	8.3	8.5	4.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,900	47,900	46,400	43,900	44,700	44,900	3,000	3,200	1,400	6.5	6.6	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,400	43,300	42,700	38,700	38,700	40,300	4,700	4,500	2,400	10.9	10.5	5.6
Portland MSA	131,100	130,800	133,400	123,000	122,800	129,600	8,100	8,000	3,900	6.2	6.1	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	142,600	140,800	n/a	135,000	135,400	n/a	7,600	5,400	n/a	5.3	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,460	37,310	38,190	34,940	34,830	37,050	2,510	2,480	1,150	6.7	6.6	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	30,700	31,230	31,570	28,820	29,390	30,750	1,890	1,850	820	6.1	5.9	2.6
Belfast	12,920	12,920	12,400	11,410	11,240	11,640	1,510	1,680	770	11.7	13.0	6.2
Biddeford	28,810	28,900	29,180	25,910	26,190	27,940	2,900	2,710	1,240	10.1	9.4	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,000	16,360	16,430	16,250	15,480	16,100	750	880	330	4.4	5.4	2.0
Calais-Eastport	15,300	15,470	14,810	13,370	13,190	13,580	1,940	2,280	1,230	12.6	14.7	8.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,230	22,680	21,340	20,700	20,360	20,140	2,530	2,320	1,200	10.9	10.2	5.6
Central Penobscot	3,240	3,160	3,090	2,930	2,780	2,930	310	380	150	9.6	11.9	4.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,400	7,430	7,050	6,640	6,620	6,590	760	820	460	10.3	11.0	6.5
Ellsworth	26,630	26,450	25,860	24,770	24,130	24,800	1,860	2,320	1,060	7.0	8.8	4.1
Farmington	13,480	13,950	13,290	12,070	12,490	12,420	1,410	1,460	870	10.5	10.5	6.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,420	5,420	5,120	4,660	4,660	4,640	760	760	480	14.0	14.1	9.4
Greenville	1,300	1,250	1,280	1,160	1,060	1,160	140	190	120	10.8	15.1	9.5
Houlton	6,830	6,840	6,610	6,270	6,280	6,270	550	560	350	8.1	8.2	5.2
Kittery-York 3/	29,950	30,080	30,180	28,900	28,760	29,630	1,050	1,320	560	3.5	4.4	1.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,680	5,630	5,410	4,910	4,840	5,050	770	790	360	13.6	14.1	6.6
Livermore Falls	5,210	5,220	4,890	4,670	4,630	4,610	540	590	270	10.4	11.2	5.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,210	4,240	4,020	3,800	3,750	3,720	420	490	300	9.8	11.6	7.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,490	4,500	4,230	3,990	3,960	4,020	500	540	220	11.1	11.9	5.1
Norway-Paris	11,970	12,080	11,720	10,450	10,490	10,940	1,530	1,590	770	12.7	13.1	6.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,610	2,580	2,460	2,190	2,110	2,230	420	470	230	16.0	18.1	9.4
Rockland	19,930	19,680	19,870	18,330	17,990	18,900	1,600	1,700	970	8.0	8.6	4.9
Rumford	9,000	9,170	8,960	7,940	8,100	8,260	1,060	1,080	700	11.8	11.7	7.8
Sanford	17,010	17,220	16,700	15,230	15,490	15,830	1,780	1,730	870	10.5	10.0	5.2
Sebago Lakes Region	13,470	13,340	13,190	12,300	12,210	12,650	1,170	1,130	540	8.7	8.5	4.1
Skowhegan	24,840	24,750	23,700	21,990	21,830	22,320	2,840	2,920	1,380	11.5	11.8	5.8
Southwest Penobscot	11,800	11,950	10,950	10,280	10,400	10,320	1,520	1,550	630	12.9	13.0	5.7
Waterville	27,070	27,030	26,460	25,020	25,000	25,630	2,050	2,030	830	7.6	7.5	3.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,698.4	1,801.8	n/a	1,606.6	1,710.1	n/a	91.8	91.7	n/a	5.4	5.1
Massachusetts	3,124.0	3,111.4	3,190.4	2,836.0	2,851.8	3,027.5	288.0	259.6	163.0	9.2	8.3	5.1
New Hampshire	n/a	633.0	629.2	n/a	587.8	592.6	n/a	45.2	36.6	n/a	7.1	5.8
Rhode Island	513.0	512.9	519.6	472.1	470.9	481.4	40.9	42.0	38.2	8.0	8.2	7.3
Vermont	300.5	301.6	311.4	279.5	279.5	298.1	21.0	22.1	13.3	7.0	7.3	4.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	6,896.1	7,083.8	n/a	6,381.1	6,714.6	n/a	515.0	369.3	n/a	7.5	5.2
UNITED STATES (000)	124,857	124,727	124,640	116,624	116,678	118,277	8,233	8,049	6,363	6.6	6.5	5.1

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

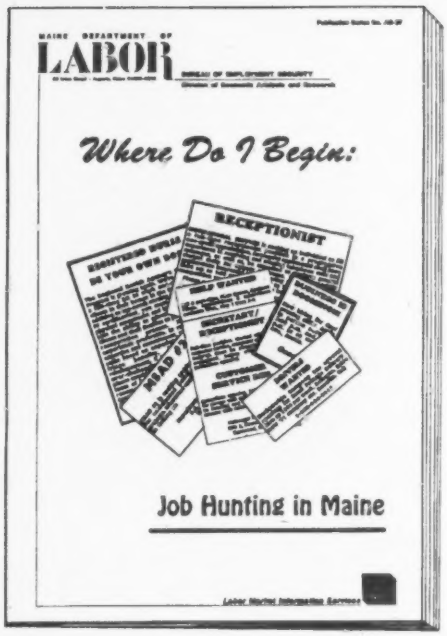
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	21,974	29,617	13,179	3,736	4,550	1,974	2,027	2,533	1,275

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.



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GED GRADUATES SHOW HIGH LITERACY SKILLS

Individuals with a General Educational Development (GED) Diploma are likely to have literacy skills higher than those of high school graduates, says a report released by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The study, "GED Candidates in the Workforce: Employed and Employable," is the third in a series based on national surveys conducted in 1980 and 1989. The current report describes the job skills, choices, income, and employment and educational goals of GED candidates.

The report's authors found that average scores for GED graduates on the Tests of Social Studies, Interpreting Literature and the Arts, and Science were higher than those for graduating high school seniors. The scores for all GED candidates, including those who did not pass, were equal to the scores for seniors, says the report.

The report also shows that in 1989, four in five GED candidates were either employed or looking for a job; half were employed for pay, while an additional 30 percent were looking for work. "Compared to other high school non-completers in the U.S. population, GED candidates are twice as likely to participate in the workforce," states the study.

Enrolling in a postsecondary program was an important plan for candidates regardless of their employment status, the study found. Three in 10 planned to attend a community college during the following year, one in four hoped to enroll in a technical, trade, or vocational school, and one in 10 intended to enroll in a four-year institution. The report recommended that employers, educators, and job counselors capitalize on the educational motivations of candidates by providing them access to additional training and educational programs.

"Employers, educators, and job counselors [should] capitalize on the educational motivations of [GED] candidates."

Four additional reports in the "GED Profiles: Adults in Transition" series will be published over the next several months. Subscriptions are available for $65. To order, contact the GED Testing Service, American Council on Education, Publications Dept. PAT, One Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 939-9385.

Excerpted from "GED Graduates Show High Literacy Skills, Survey Finds," News, American Council on Education, July 8, 1991.

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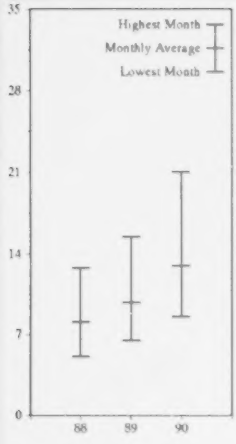

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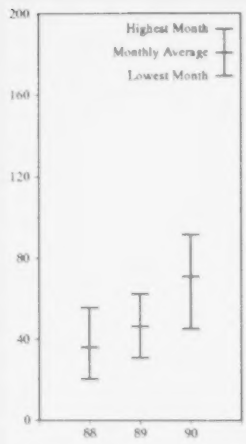
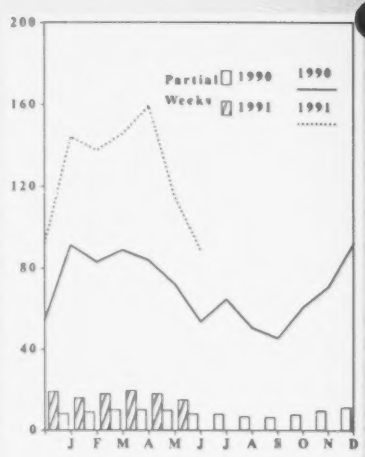




Private Industry Employer Costs Per Hour Worked For Employee Compensation by Broad Industry Category United States, March 1991

Compensation Component	All Workers In Private Industry		Goods-Producing Industries 1/		Service-Producing Industries 2/	
	Cost	Percent	Cost	Percent	Cost	Percent
Total Compensation	$15.40	100.0%	$18.48	100.0%	$14.31	100.0%
Wage Rate	11.14	72.3	12.70	68.7	10.58	74.0
Total Benefits	4.27	27.7	5.78	31.3	3.72	26.0
Paid Leave	1.05	6.8	1.27	6.9	.97	6.8
Vacations	.52	3.4	.66	3.6	.47	3.3
Holidays	.35	2.3	.46	2.5	.32	2.2
Sick Leave	.13	.8	.11	.6	.14	1.0
Other Leave	.05	.3	.05	.3	.05	.3
Supplemental Pay	.36	2.3	.63	3.4	.26	1.8
Premium Pay	.17	1.1	.35	1.9	.11	.8
Shift Pay	.05	.3	.08	.4	.04	.3
Nonproduction Bonuses	.13	.9	.20	1.1	.11	.8
Insurance	1.01	6.5	1.41	7.6	.86	6.0
Retirement and Savings	.44	2.9	.66	3.6	.36	2.5
Pensions	.35	2.2	.50	2.7	.29	2.0
Savings and Thrift	.10	.6	.15	.8	.07	.5
Legally Required	1.40	9.1	1.78	9.7	1.26	8.8
Social Security	.92	6.0	1.09	5.9	.86	6.0
Federal Unemployment	.03	.2	.03	.2	.03	.2
State Unemployment	.09	.6	.12	.6	.08	.6
Workers' Compensation	.33	2.1	.54	2.9	.25	1.8
Other Benefits	*	*	.03	.2	*	*

1/ Includes mining, construction, and manufacturing.
2/ Includes transportation, communication, and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and service industries.
* Cost per hour worked is $0.01 or less.
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

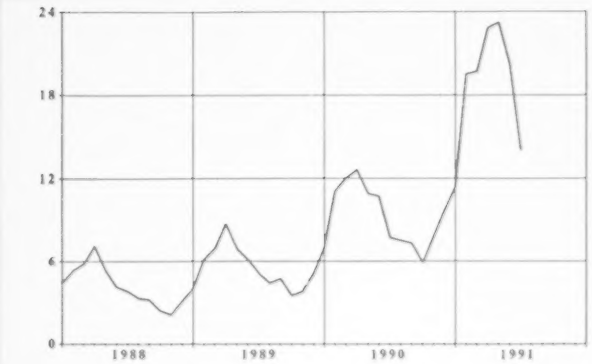
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

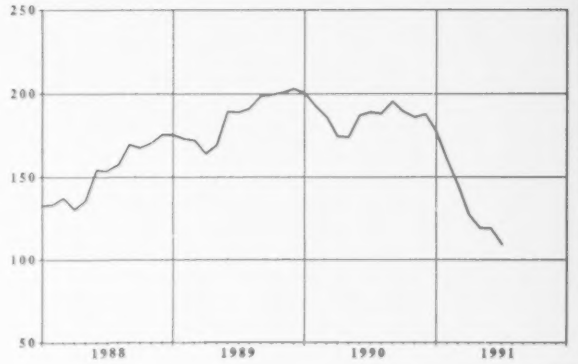
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$438.37	$436.55	$419.29	39.6	39.4	40.2	$11.07	$11.08	$10.43	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	422.24	422.65	403.81	40.6	40.1	40.3	10.40	10.54	10.02	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	370.94	362.20	372.04	42.2	41.3	41.2	8.79	8.77	9.03	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	432.90	417.54	422.38	42.4	41.3	43.1	10.21	10.11	9.80	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	542.59	522.52	498.74	43.2	42.9	42.7	12.56	12.18	11.68	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	378.07	378.48	349.92	38.5	38.0	36.0	9.82	9.96	9.72	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	470.69	489.53	449.96	38.9	39.1	40.5	12.10	12.52	11.11	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	359.10	350.24	334.15	42.0	41.4	40.8	8.55	8.46	8.19	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	450.47	447.36	431.88	38.7	38.8	40.1	11.64	11.53	10.77	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	303.51	335.96	314.88	32.6	37.0	35.3	9.31	9.08	8.92	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	350.06	341.25	350.95	39.6	38.3	40.2	8.84	8.91	8.73	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	241.82	253.51	289.91	32.9	33.4	38.5	7.35	7.59	7.53	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	683.39	662.69	659.74	41.9	41.6	44.1	16.31	15.93	14.96	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	291.82	289.38	273.00	37.8	37.1	37.5	7.72	7.80	7.28	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	379.26	374.45	382.71	38.7	37.9	39.7	9.80	9.88	9.64	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	386.40	384.28	411.18	36.8	37.2	38.5	10.50	10.33	10.68	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	366.13	355.85	360.90	39.2	38.1	40.1	9.34	9.34	9.00	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	310.1	297.9	300.9
Unemployment	18.2	16.6	13.4
(Percent)	5.9%	5.6%	4.4%
Resident Employed	291.8	281.3	287.5

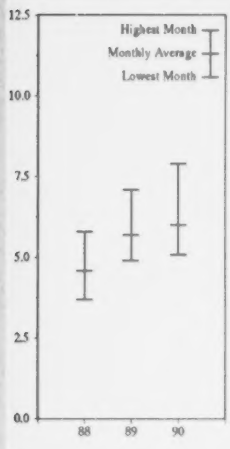
U.S. Consumer Price Index

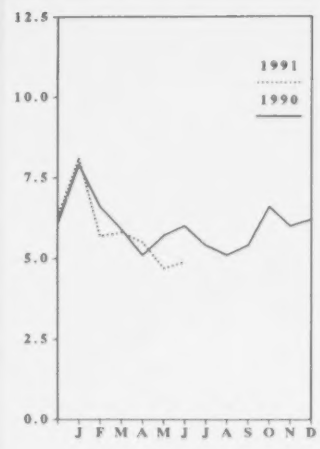
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	136.0	135.6	129.9	133.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.6%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.7%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
in Thousands





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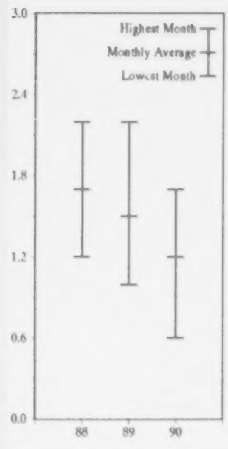

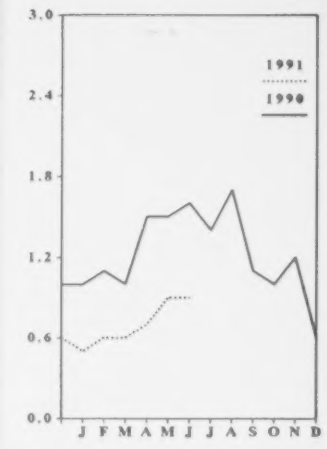

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	524..6	515.8	554.6	125.7	124.2	133.0	38.2	38.5	40.0
Goods Producing	121.8	119.2	135.7	21.5	21.1	24.2	10.1	10.1	11.1
Construction and Mining	25.8	24.3	31.7	5.6	5.4	7.0	1.8	1.7	2.0
Building Construction	7.9	7.4	10.1	1.1	1.1	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.4	12.9	16.3	4.0	3.9	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	96.0	94.9	104.0	15.9	15.7	17.2	8.3	8.4	9.1
Durable Goods	43.3	42.8	47.9	7.1	7.0	8.2	2.3	2.3	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	9.8	9.4	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.1	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.5	4.4	4.7	1.6	1.6	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.6	7.5	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	13.9	14.1	15.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.3	4.9	2.9	2.8	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.7	52.1	56.1	8.8	8.7	9.0	6.0	6.1	6.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.2	7.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.5	5.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.6	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	17.8	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.9	1.5	1.5	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	9.7	11.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.1	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.4	1.4	1.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.2
Service Producing	402.8	396.6	418.9	104.2	103.1	108.8	28.1	28.4	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	21.4	22.5	7.1	7.1	6.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.4	23.9	25.7	9.0	8.9	9.6	2.2	2.1	2.3
Retail Trade	107.1	103.1	115.0	27.6	27.3	29.9	7.8	7.8	8.0
Food Stores	19.2	19.0	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	37.0	33.6	38.8	8.8	8.7	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.1	25.4	12.4	12.4	12.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.2	10.0	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.9	10.8	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	131.5	128.0	132.8	33.0	31.5	34.9	10.3	10.7	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10.9	8.7	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.6	15.1	14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.5	45.3	45.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.9	20.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	74.6	77.2	77.5	13.2	14.0	13.5	4.0	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	656.6	638.8	652.9	606.6	585.6	624.2	50.0	53.2	28.7	7.6	8.3	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	47,000	46,900	46,100	44,200	43,900	44,500	2,900	3,100	1,600	6.1	6.5	3.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	43,700	43,400	43,100	38,900	38,700	40,400	4,800	4,800	2,700	10.9	10.9	6.2
Portland MSA.....	134,300	131,200	136,700	126,200	123,100	132,400	8,100	8,100	4,300	6.0	6.2	3.2
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA.....	n/a	144,700	143,400	n/a	137,400	137,700	n/a	7,300	5,800	n/a	5.1	4.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	38,860	37,490	37,930	36,400	34,970	36,660	2,460	2,520	1,270	6.3	6.7	3.3
Bath-Brunswick.....	31,530	30,750	32,630	29,660	28,840	31,690	1,860	1,920	940	5.9	6.2	2.9
Belfast.....	13,350	12,960	13,060	11,880	11,420	12,070	1,470	1,540	980	11.0	11.9	7.5
Biddeford.....	29,070	28,820	31,370	26,550	25,930	29,970	2,530	2,890	1,400	8.7	10.0	4.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset.....	18,970	17,010	18,600	18,250	16,260	18,200	720	750	400	3.8	4.4	2.1
Calais-Eastport.....	15,760	15,330	15,440	14,130	13,380	14,320	1,630	1,950	1,130	10.3	12.7	7.3
Caribou-Presque Isle.....	23,720	23,260	22,310	21,460	20,720	20,950	2,250	2,540	1,360	9.5	10.9	6.1
Central Penobscot.....	3,510	3,240	3,260	3,190	2,930	3,070	330	310	190	9.3	9.6	6.0
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,510	7,420	7,370	6,840	6,650	6,960	670	770	410	8.9	10.4	5.5
Ellsworth.....	29,140	26,660	28,870	27,580	24,790	27,880	1,570	1,870	1,000	5.4	7.0	3.4
Farmington.....	13,520	13,500	13,420	12,200	12,070	12,650	1,320	1,420	770	9.7	10.5	5.8
Fort Kent-Allagash.....	5,530	5,440	5,400	4,890	4,670	4,950	640	770	450	11.5	14.2	8.3
Greenville.....	1,450	1,300	1,440	1,340	1,160	1,350	110	150	90	7.7	11.3	6.0
Houlton.....	7,030	6,850	7,000	6,530	6,280	6,590	500	570	420	7.1	8.3	6.0
Kittery-York 3/.....	30,240	29,750	30,990	29,270	28,660	30,420	970	1,090	580	3.2	3.6	1.9
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,860	5,690	5,580	5,190	4,910	5,240	670	770	340	11.4	13.6	6.1
Livermore Falls.....	5,350	5,220	5,040	4,810	4,670	4,700	540	550	340	10.0	10.5	6.8
Madawaska-Van Buren.....	4,300	4,220	4,170	3,930	3,800	3,890	370	420	280	8.6	9.9	6.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	4,600	4,500	4,460	4,140	4,000	4,220	460	510	240	9.9	11.2	5.4
Norway-Paris.....	12,370	11,980	12,370	10,900	10,450	11,450	1,480	1,530	920	11.9	12.8	7.4
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,580	2,640	2,440	2,320	2,190	2,280	260	450	160	10.1	16.9	6.4
Rockland.....	20,970	19,940	20,810	19,580	18,340	19,810	1,390	1,600	1,000	6.6	8.0	4.8
Rumford.....	9,210	9,000	9,180	8,210	7,950	8,500	1,000	1,060	670	10.9	11.8	7.3
Sanford.....	17,500	17,020	17,390	15,770	15,240	16,380	1,730	1,780	1,020	9.9	10.5	5.8
Sebago Lakes Region.....	14,370	13,480	14,100	13,250	12,310	13,450	1,120	1,170	640	7.8	8.7	4.6
Skowhegan.....	25,380	24,840	24,830	22,670	22,010	23,390	2,710	2,830	1,440	10.7	11.4	5.8
Southwest Penobscot.....	12,140	11,810	11,300	10,740	10,290	10,510	1,400	1,520	790	11.5	12.8	7.0
Waterville.....	27,820	27,090	26,270	25,700	25,040	25,390	2,120	2,050	880	7.6	7.6	3.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut----------	n/a	1,776.9	1,832.6	n/a	1,684.7	1,738.0	n/a	92.2	94.6	n/a	5.2	5.2
Massachusetts----------	3,167.0	3,124.0	3,232.9	2,867.0	2,836.0	3,043.9	300.0	288.0	189.0	9.5	9.2	5.8
New Hampshire----------	n/a	640.7	637.1	n/a	594.9	598.3	n/a	45.8	38.8	n/a	7.1	6.1
Rhode Island----------	510.6	513.8	520.7	471.4	472.3	486.1	39.2	41.5	34.6	7.7	8.1	6.6
Vermont----------	309.2	300.2	312.1	287.7	279.3	298.3	21.5	20.9	13.8	6.9	7.0	4.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)----	n/a	6,994.4	7,188.3	n/a	6,452.8	6,788.8	n/a	541.6	399.5	n/a	7.7	5.6
UNITED STATES (000)----------	127,054	124,857	126,307	118,280	116,624	119,605	8,774	8,233	6,702	6.9	6.6	5.3

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	18,074	22,551	11,551	3,240	3,819	1,910	1,785	2,074	1,218

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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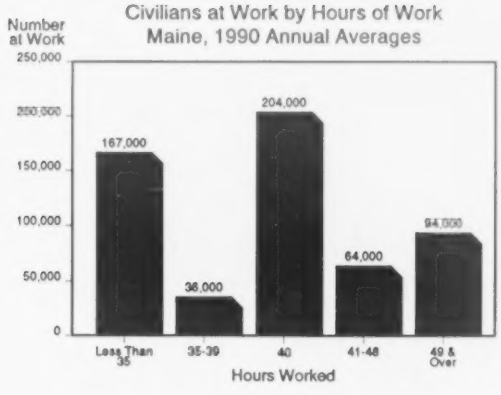
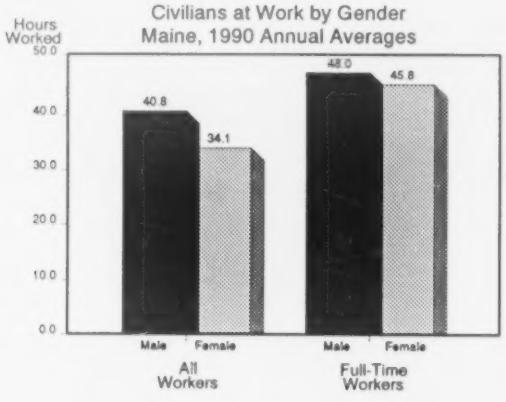
Maine Workers Averaged Almost 38 Hours of Work Per Week During 1990





Over 25 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1990. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 75 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work. For persons working in more than one job, hours worked in all jobs are credited to hours of work for the survey week.

All Maine workers averaged 37.7 hours of work per week during 1990. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 47.1 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules. Individuals working 35 hours or more per week are considered to be on full-time schedules.

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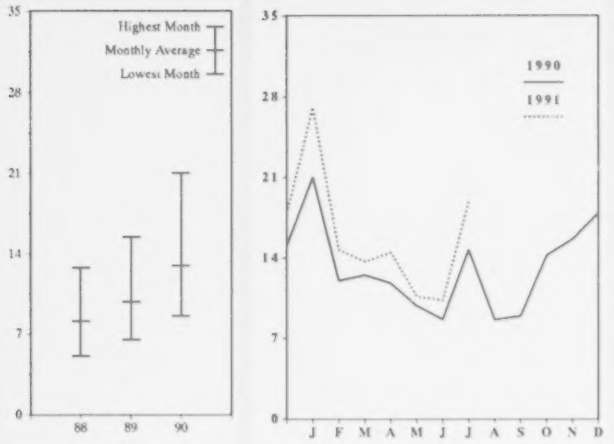

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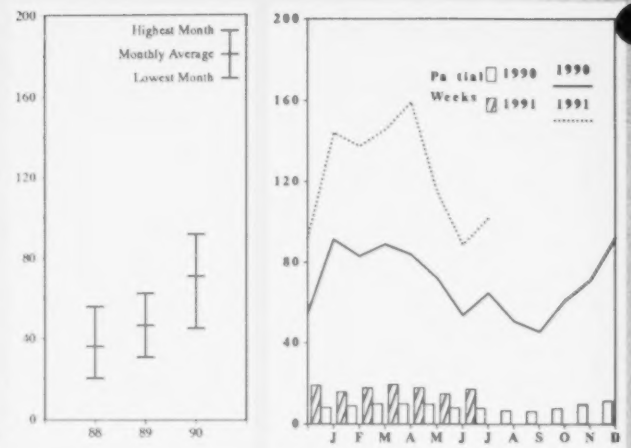


Average Annual Pay for All Covered Workers 1989 and 1990, New England States and U.S.

Area	Average Annual Pay[1/]		Change	
	1989	1990	Number	Percent
Connecticut	$27,500	$28,995	$1,495	5.4
Maine	19,202	20,154	952	5.0
Massachusetts	25,233	26,689	1,456	5.8
New Hampshire	21,553	22,609	1,056	4.9
Rhode Island	21,128	22,388	1,260	6.0
Vermont	19,497	20,532	1,035	5.3
United States	22,563	23,602	1,039	4.6

1/ Includes workers covered by State Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employee programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$440.74	$438.37	$416.81	38.9	39.6	39.1	$11.33	$11.07	$10.66	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	425.20	422.24	400.93	40.0	40.6	39.5	10.63	10.40	10.15	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	379.43	370.94	381.06	42.3	42.2	41.6	8.97	8.79	9.16	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	411.87	432.90	384.91	40.3	42.4	39.6	10.22	10.21	9.72	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	580.48	542.59	505.04	46.7	43.2	42.8	12.43	12.56	11.80	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	342.08	378.07	320.42	34.8	38.5	32.3	9.83	9.82	9.92	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	494.21	470.69	463.08	38.4	38.9	40.8	12.87	12.10	11.35	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	357.43	359.10	333.33	42.2	42.0	40.6	8.47	8.55	8.21	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	453.72	450.47	431.84	38.0	38.7	38.8	11.94	11.64	11.13	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	319.16	303.51	310.42	35.7	32.6	34.8	8.94	9.31	8.92	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	329.67	350.06	353.73	37.0	39.6	39.7	8.91	8.84	8.91	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	261.00	241.82	265.33	36.0	32.9	36.8	7.25	7.35	7.21	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	683.09	683.39	654.89	40.3	41.9	43.0	16.95	16.31	15.23	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	295.26	291.82	242.79	37.0	37.8	34.1	7.98	7.72	7.12	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	362.48	379.26	380.03	36.8	38.7	38.7	9.85	9.80	9.82	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	376.01	386.40	390.60	36.4	36.8	36.0	10.33	10.50	10.85	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	372.78	366.13	365.19	39.7	39.2	39.1	9.39	9.34	9.34	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	309.9	310.0	302.4
Unemployment	21.3	18.3	18.0
(Percent)	7.0%	5.9%	6.0%
Resident Employed	288.6	291.7	284.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

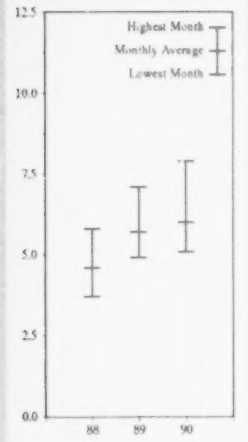
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	136.2	136.0	130.4	133.8

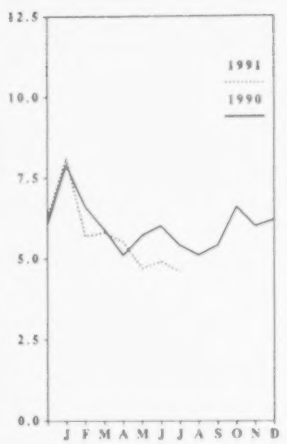
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.8%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.4%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

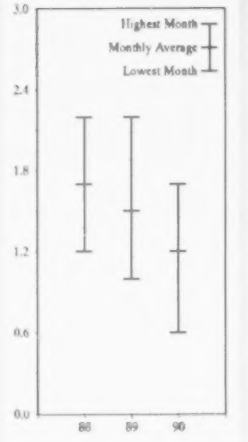


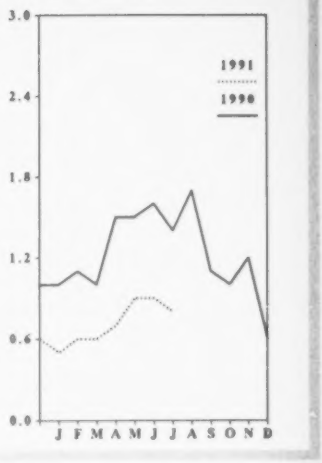


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	517.7	524.3	542.7	124.8	125.7	131.9	36.5	38.2	38.3
Goods Producing	120.7	121.9	132.6	21.7	21.5	24.3	9.4	10.1	10.3
Construction and Mining	26.0	25.8	32.0	5.6	5.6	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.1
Building Construction	8.2	7.9	10.1	1.1	1.1	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.4	13.4	16.4	3.9	4.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	94.7	96.1	100.6	16.1	15.9	17.3	7.6	8.3	8.2
Durable Goods	43.0	43.3	47.8	7.2	7.1	8.4	2.2	2.3	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	10.4	9.8	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.0	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.5	4.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.4	7.6	8.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.9	15.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.3	4.4	4.6	3.1	2.9	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.7	52.8	52.8	8.9	8.8	8.9	5.4	6.0	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	6.5	7.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.3	5.6	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	2.7	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.0	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.4	5.8	1.4	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.3
Leather and Leather Products	8.9	9.7	8.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	7.4	8.1	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.5	1.4	1.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.0	3.1
Service Producing	397.0	402.4	410.1	103.1	104.2	107.6	27.1	28.1	28.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.1	22.4	7.3	7.1	6.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.2	24.4	25.5	9.2	9.0	9.6	2.1	2.2	2.2
Retail Trade	108.7	107.0	116.4	27.4	27.6	30.2	7.6	7.8	7.9
Food Stores	19.2	19.3	20.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	38.5	37.0	40.6	8.8	8.8	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.4	25.3	12.5	12.4	12.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.9	10.9	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	134.4	131.1	135.5	33.1	33.0	35.0	10.2	10.3	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.4	10.9	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.3	15.2	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.5	45.5	44.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.8	19.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	63.9	74.6	65.2	11.7	13.2	11.9	3.4	4.0	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	661.9	656.5	656.2	614.3	606.5	625.3	47.6	50.0	30.9	7.2	7.6	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,200	47,200	46,100	44,400	44,300	44,400	2,800	2,900	1,700	5.8	6.1	3.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,700	43,900	42,300	38,000	39,100	39,100	4,800	4,800	3,200	11.2	10.9	7.6
Portland MSA	135,800	134,800	137,600	128,700	126,700	133,100	7,100	8,100	4,500	5.2	6.0	3.3
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	144,300	144,300	n/a	136,900	137,900	n/a	7,300	6,500	n/a	5.1	4.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	39,090	37,580	38,200	36,630	35,120	36,720	2,470	2,460	1,480	6.3	6.5	3.9
Bath-Brunswick	31,680	31,240	32,010	30,060	29,390	31,050	1,620	1,850	970	5.1	5.9	3.0
Belfast	13,740	13,380	13,290	12,370	11,900	12,360	1,370	1,480	930	10.0	11.1	7.0
Biddeford	29,050	29,050	31,180	26,700	26,520	29,470	2,350	2,530	1,710	8.1	8.7	5.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	19,960	18,980	19,730	19,330	18,270	19,380	630	710	350	3.1	3.8	1.8
Calais-Eastport	15,850	15,880	15,330	14,470	14,240	14,320	1,390	1,630	1,010	8.7	10.3	6.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,850	23,810	22,290	21,510	21,540	20,860	2,340	2,270	1,440	9.8	9.5	6.4
Central Penobscot	3,470	3,510	3,190	3,120	3,180	2,980	350	330	210	10.0	9.3	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,470	7,510	7,160	6,710	6,850	6,610	760	670	550	10.2	8.9	7.7
Ellsworth	31,220	29,260	30,860	29,990	27,690	30,060	1,230	1,570	800	3.9	5.4	2.6
Farmington	14,140	13,790	13,960	12,680	12,470	13,000	1,460	1,310	960	10.4	9.5	6.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,830	5,630	5,580	5,330	4,980	5,310	500	650	270	8.5	11.5	4.9
Greenville	1,590	1,450	1,560	1,510	1,340	1,490	80	110	70	5.0	7.7	4.5
Houlton	6,950	7,030	6,790	6,410	6,530	6,350	540	510	430	7.8	7.2	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,580	30,350	30,900	29,650	29,360	30,280	930	990	620	3.0	3.3	2.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,870	5,540	5,040	5,200	5,210	610	670	330	10.8	11.4	6.0
Livermore FallS	5,540	5,350	5,040	4,950	4,820	4,620	590	540	420	10.7	10.0	8.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,400	4,310	4,260	4,040	3,940	4,000	350	370	260	8.1	8.7	6.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,520	4,580	4,360	4,110	4,120	4,170	410	460	190	9.0	10.0	4.4
Norway-Paris	12,960	12,390	12,590	11,560	10,920	11,540	1,400	1,470	1,040	10.8	11.9	8.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,700	2,590	2,500	2,440	2,320	2,360	260	270	140	9.7	10.5	5.4
Rockland	20,980	20,880	20,840	19,880	19,480	19,840	1,090	1,400	1,000	5.2	6.7	4.8
Rumford	9,100	9,170	9,060	8,140	8,170	8,490	960	1,000	570	10.5	10.9	6.3
Sanford	17,560	17,500	17,460	15,890	15,780	16,360	1,670	1,720	1,100	9.5	9.8	6.3
Sebago Lakes Region	15,340	14,410	15,130	14,270	13,290	14,440	1,070	1,120	690	7.0	7.8	4.5
Skowhegan	24,960	25,340	23,990	21,970	22,630	22,270	3,000	2,710	1,720	12.0	10.7	7.2
Southwest Penobscot	11,740	11,940	11,420	10,140	10,540	10,250	1,600	1,400	1,170	13.6	11.7	10.3
Waterville	26,360	27,880	25,890	24,410	25,760	24,860	1,950	2,120	1,030	7.4	7.6	4.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,814.8	1,818.0	n/a	1,701.9	1,723.2	n/a	112.9	94.8	n/a	6.2	5.2
Massachusetts	3,161.0	3,167.0	3,223.7	2,864.0	2,867.0	3,014.2	297.0	300.0	209.5	9.4	9.5	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	643.8	641.1	n/a	597.1	602.9	n/a	46.7	38.2	n/a	7.3	6.0
Rhode Island	513.7	510.6	520.6	471.4	471.8	483.3	42.3	38.8	37.3	8.2	7.6	7.2
Vermont	n/a	309.2	310.3	n/a	287.7	296.1	n/a	21.5	14.3	n/a	6.9	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	7,101.9	7,169.9	n/a	6,532.0	6,745.0	n/a	569.9	425.0	n/a	8.0	5.9
UNITED STATES (000)	127,327	127,054	126,900	118,751	118,280	119,954	8,576	8,774	6,945	6.7	6.9	5.5

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	18,648	18,240	14,975	2,948	3,267	2,217	2,073	1,798	1,789

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	1991 2nd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	515.7	511.0	542.0	4.7	-26.3
Goods Producing	119.5	119.2	132.3	.3	-12.8
Construction and Mining	24.3	22.6	29.9	1.7	-5.6
Building Construction	7.5	7.5	9.6	.0	-2.1
Special Trade Contractors	12.9	12.1	15.5	.8	-2.6
Manufacturing	95.2	96.6	102.4	-1.4	-7.2
Durable Goods	43.1	44.7	47.2	-1.6	-4.1
Lumber and Wood Products	9.6	10.6	10.3	-1.0	-.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.3	3.5	-.2	-.4
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.6	4.8	-.2	-.4
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.4	8.3	.1	-.8
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.7	15.5	-.5	-1.3
Other Durable Goods	4.3	4.1	4.8	.2	-.5
Nondurable Goods	52.1	51.9	55.2	.2	-3.1
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.5	6.9	-.1	-.5
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.3	5.8	.1	-.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.6	2.8	3.0	-.2	-.4
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.5	17.6	.2	.1
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.6	5.8	-.1	-.3
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.4	3.4	3.7	.0	-.3
Leather and Leather Products	9.7	9.7	11.0	.0	-1.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.1	9.2	.0	-1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.1	1.4	.3	.0
Service Producing	396.2	391.8	409.7	4.4	-13.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.4	22.1	.2	-.5
Wholesale Trade	24.0	23.9	25.3	.1	-1.3
Retail Trade	102.8	99.9	109.6	2.9	-6.8
Food Stores	18.9	18.9	19.3	.0	-.4
Eating and Drinking Places	33.3	29.0	35.7	4.3	-2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	24.8	25.2	.3	-.1
Banking	10.0	10.1	10.3	-.1	-.3
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.8	10.8	10.3	.0	.5
Services	128.5	125.6	122.8	2.9	5.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.8	6.6	9.3	2.2	-.5
Business Services	15.0	14.4	14.4	.6	.6
Health Services	45.3	45.1	44.9	.2	.4
Federal Government	17.8	18.2	20.2	-.4	-2.4
State and Local Government	76.4	78.0	78.5	-1.6	-2.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	.0	.0

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The Household Pie

Married couples were nearly three-quarters of all U.S. households in 1970. By 1990, their share had eroded to less than 60 percent.

Household Type	Percent of All Households		
	1970	1990	Change 1970-1990
Dual-earner married couples with children	20%	19%	-1
Other married couples with children	21	8	-13
Childless married couples with householders under age 45	6	7	1
Childless married couples with householders aged 45 to 64	15	13	-2
Childless married couples with householders aged 65 or older	9	9	0
Single parents	6	9	3
Childless singles under age 45	3	9	6
Childless singles aged 45 or older	14	16	2
Other multiple-member (shared households)	6	10	4

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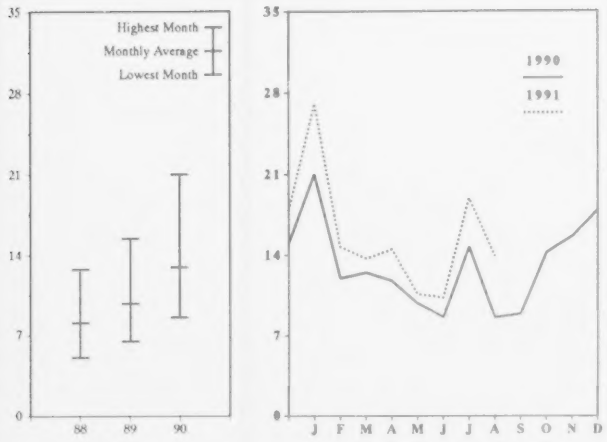

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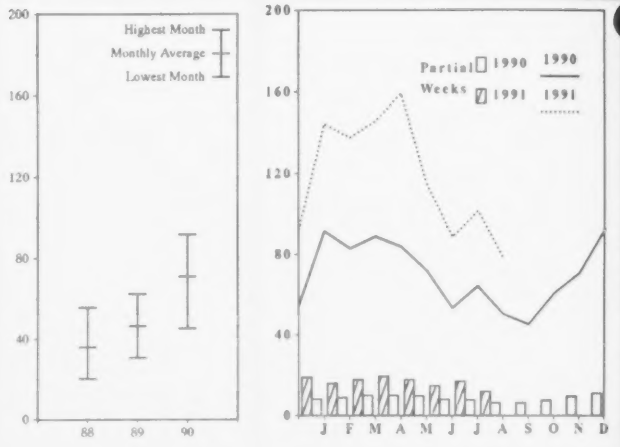

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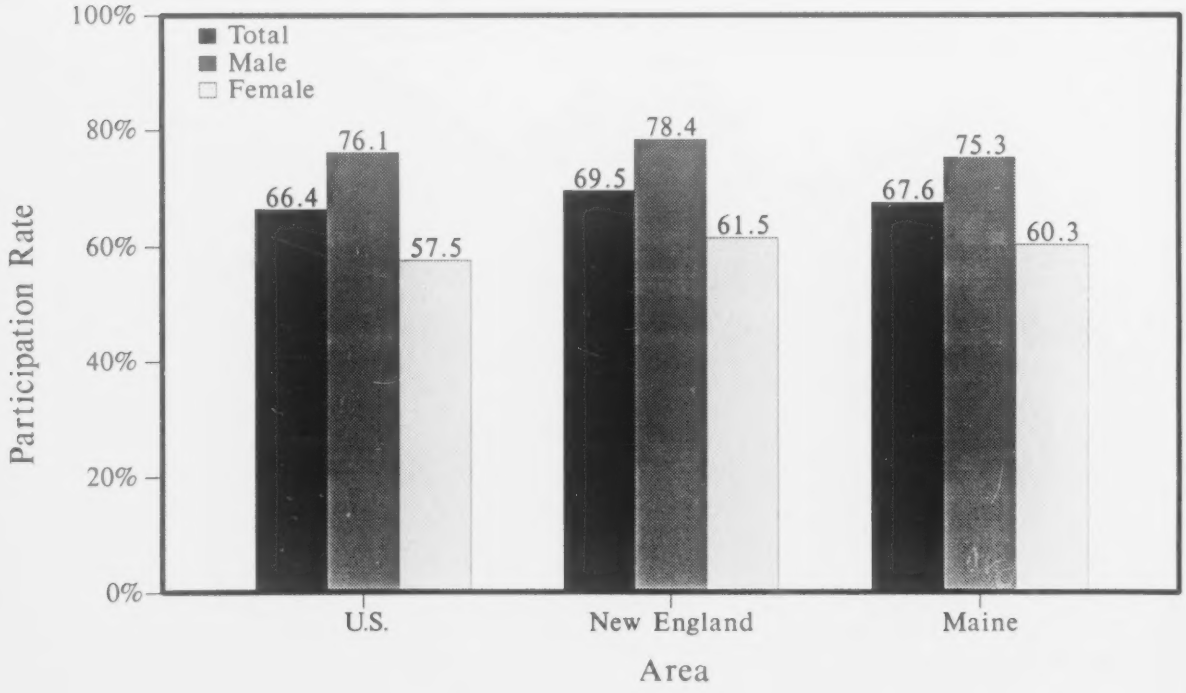


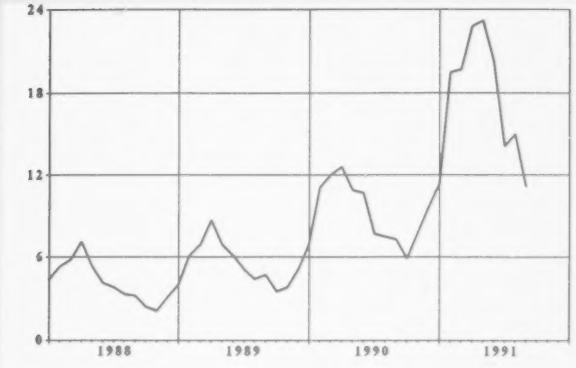
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$438.69	$440.74	$416.16	40.1	38.9	39.9	$10.94	$11.33	$10.43	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	428.40	425.20	401.58	40.8	40.0	39.8	10.50	10.63	10.09	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	381.91	379.43	380.38	42.2	42.3	41.8	9.05	8.97	9.10	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	420.43	411.87	430.14	41.3	40.3	43.1	10.18	10.22	9.98	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	542.12	580.48	477.02	43.3	46.7	39.1	12.52	12.43	12.20	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	357.29	342.08	343.28	36.2	34.8	35.1	9.87	9.83	9.78	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	502.66	494.21	449.35	40.9	38.4	40.3	12.29	12.87	11.15	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	362.10	357.43	337.40	42.6	42.2	40.7	8.50	8.47	8.29	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	447.08	453.72	427.33	39.6	38.0	39.9	11.29	11.94	10.71	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	316.95	319.16	308.89	38.7	35.7	37.9	8.19	8.94	8.15	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	358.35	329.67	367.04	40.4	37.0	41.9	8.87	8.91	8.76	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	258.47	261.00	285.61	35.7	36.0	38.7	7.24	7.25	7.38	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	679.25	683.09	653.60	41.8	40.3	43.0	16.25	16.95	15.20	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	294.90	295.26	260.19	38.2	37.0	35.4	7.72	7.98	7.35	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	377.42	362.48	395.04	38.2	36.8	40.6	9.88	9.85	9.73	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	359.58	376.01	396.64	38.0	36.4	37.0	10.41	10.33	10.72	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	366.02	372.78	367.35	40.4	39.7	39.5	9.06	9.39	9.30	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	298.5	308.1	300.2
Unemployment	12.4	14.9	13.5
(Percent)	4.1%	4.8%	4.5%
Resident Employed	286.1	293.2	286.7

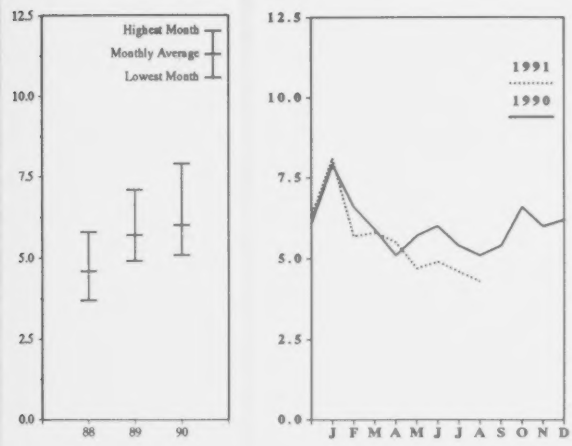
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	136.6	136.2	131.6	133.8

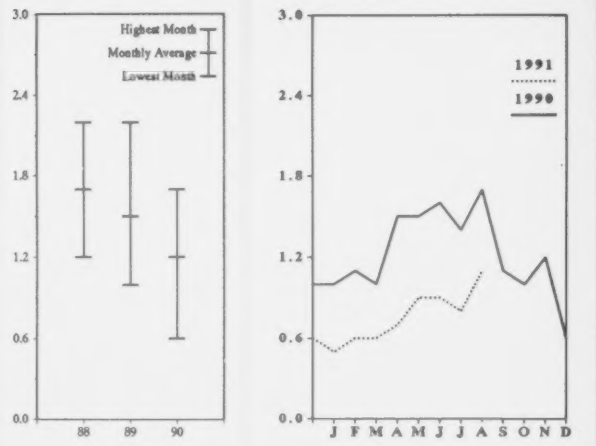
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.8%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	520.0	517.3	546.1	125.6	124.8	131.1	37.2	36.5	39.4
Goods Producing	123.5	120.5	136.2	22.0	21.7	24.1	10.0	9.4	11.1
Construction and Mining	26.4	25.9	30.6	5.7	5.6	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.1
Building Construction	8.2	8.2	9.5	1.1	1.1	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.9	13.4	15.7	4.0	3.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	97.1	94.6	105.6	16.3	16.1	17.1	8.2	7.6	9.0
Durable Goods	43.2	43.1	48.2	7.3	7.2	8.3	2.2	2.2	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	10.5	10.5	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.0	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.3	4.7	1.5	1.5	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.4	8.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	13.4	13.6	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.3	4.7	3.2	3.1	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.9	51.5	57.4	9.0	8.9	8.8	6.0	5.4	6.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.7	6.7	8.9	2.2	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.3	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.5	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.2	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.8	1.5	1.4	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.3	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	10.1	8.7	11.0	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.3	7.2	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.2
Service Producing	396.5	396.8	409.9	103.6	103.1	107.0	27.2	27.1	28.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.5	22.5	7.3	7.3	6.6	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.0	24.2	25.6	9.1	9.2	9.6	2.2	2.1	2.3
Retail Trade	109.3	108.6	116.4	27.9	27.4	30.1	7.7	7.6	8.1
Food Stores	19.3	19.2	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	38.4	38.5	40.9	8.7	8.8	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.5	25.3	12.6	12.5	12.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.1	10.2	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.9	10.9	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	134.1	134.3	136.2	33.4	33.1	35.0	10.2	10.2	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.8	13.4	15.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.1	15.2	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.6	45.5	45.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.8	19.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	63.4	63.9	64.9	11.4	11.7	11.6	3.3	3.4	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	651.0	662.1	649.7	611.1	614.2	621.2	39.9	47.9	28.5	6.1	7.2	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,900	47,200	44,800	43,500	44,400	43,100	2,400	2,700	1,600	5.3	5.8	3.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	42,700	42,100	38,000	38,000	39,300	3,900	4,800	2,800	9.4	11.2	6.6
Portland MSA	134,200	135,800	134,400	127,800	128,700	129,700	6,300	7,100	4,800	4.7	5.2	3.5
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	146,600	146,300	n/a	138,500	139,400	n/a	8,100	6,900	n/a	5.5	4.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,460	39,110	37,190	35,310	36,640	35,770	2,150	2,470	1,420	5.7	6.3	3.8
Bath-Brunswick	30,460	31,680	31,360	29,110	30,080	30,420	1,340	1,610	940	4.4	5.1	3.0
Belfast	13,120	13,750	12,750	12,010	12,380	11,940	1,110	1,380	820	8.5	10.0	6.4
Biddeford	28,080	29,080	30,370	26,180	26,710	28,980	1,900	2,360	1,390	6.8	8.1	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	19,210	19,960	19,420	18,650	19,340	19,060	560	630	360	2.9	3.1	1.8
Calais-Eastport	18,040	15,870	16,270	16,820	14,470	15,320	1,230	1,400	950	6.8	8.8	5.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,600	23,880	21,850	21,230	21,520	20,540	2,370	2,350	1,310	10.1	9.9	6.0
Central Penobscot	3,320	3,470	3,030	3,070	3,120	2,870	250	350	160	7.5	10.1	5.1
Dover-Foxcroft	7,380	7,520	7,010	6,740	6,720	6,580	640	810	430	8.6	10.7	6.1
Ellsworth	32,890	31,240	33,760	31,820	30,000	32,900	1,070	1,240	860	3.2	4.0	2.5
Farmington	13,150	14,160	13,470	12,080	12,680	12,780	1,070	1,480	690	8.2	10.4	5.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,730	5,840	5,520	5,160	5,330	5,230	560	510	290	9.8	8.8	5.3
Greenville	1,570	1,590	1,560	1,500	1,510	1,490	70	80	70	4.5	5.2	4.4
Houlton	6,910	6,960	6,820	6,460	6,410	6,440	450	550	380	6.5	7.9	5.6
Kittery-York 3/	29,770	30,260	30,970	29,090	29,300	30,210	680	960	760	2.3	3.2	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,660	5,480	5,040	5,050	5,180	520	620	310	9.3	10.9	5.6
Livermore Falls	5,410	5,540	5,060	4,920	4,950	4,640	490	590	420	9.1	10.7	8.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,270	4,400	4,220	3,940	4,050	3,930	330	360	290	7.7	8.2	6.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,330	4,510	4,330	3,980	4,120	4,100	360	400	240	8.2	8.8	5.5
Norway-Paris	12,340	12,950	12,620	11,280	11,560	11,680	1,060	1,380	940	8.6	10.7	7.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,600	2,720	2,440	2,380	2,440	2,310	220	280	140	8.4	10.2	5.5
Rockland	20,880	20,990	20,330	19,900	19,890	19,580	980	1,090	750	4.7	5.2	3.7
Rumford	8,950	9,090	9,050	8,170	8,140	8,320	780	950	730	8.7	10.5	8.1
Sanford	16,940	17,580	16,870	15,580	15,900	15,870	1,360	1,680	1,000	8.0	9.6	6.0
Sebago Lakes Region	15,130	15,360	15,050	14,290	14,270	14,360	840	1,080	690	5.6	7.1	4.6
Skowhegan	24,830	25,000	24,760	22,710	21,970	23,450	2,120	3,020	1,310	8.6	12.1	5.3
Southwest Penobscot	11,190	11,890	11,220	10,070	10,150	10,510	1,120	1,740	710	10.0	14.7	6.4
Waterville	25,830	26,360	25,640	24,280	24,420	24,620	1,550	1,940	1,010	6.0	7.4	4.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,818.3	1,802.1	n/a	1,694.8	1,710.2	n/a	123.5	92.0	n/a	6.8	5.1
Massachusetts	3,109.0	3,161.0	3,238.0	2,834.0	2,864.0	3,030.8	275.0	297.0	207.2	8.8	9.4	6.4
New Hampshire	n/a	650.9	641.6	n/a	606.3	605.6	n/a	44.6	36.0	n/a	6.9	5.6
Rhode Island	515.4	514.2	518.7	471.8	471.7	485.5	43.6	42.5	33.3	8.5	8.3	6.4
Vermont	308.8	311.2	309.3	292.8	290.9	295.1	16.0	20.3	14.2	5.2	6.5	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	7,117.7	7,159.4	n/a	6,541.9	6,748.4	n/a	575.8	411.2	n/a	8.1	5.7
UNITED STATES (000)	126,097	127,327	126,012	117,859	118,751	119,174	8,237	8,576	6,837	6.5	6.7	5.4

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	14,896	19,392	10,571	2,519	3,020	1,892	1,602	2,132	1,116

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Major Changes In Child Labor Laws Effective October 9, 1991

Major changes in Maine's child labor laws that will tie student work permits to school performance, increase the minimum wage for students, limit work hours, and boost penalties for some violations will become effective October 9, 1991.

Labor Commissioner Morrison said: "These new provisions are the most significant changes to occur in our child labor laws in decades. We strengthened school superintendents' authority to issue and revoke work permits, and placed reasonable limits on the hours students may work. We now have a much better balance between the worlds of work and school for our students."

Education Commissioner Bither commented on how the child labor law changes will help support the "Maine 2000" education initiative.

"If Maine is to achieve a 90 percent graduation rate and improve the academic performance of all students, we must ensure that education, not part-time work, is the priority for our youth," she said.

Under the new child labor laws, superintendents will have more authority over the issuance of work permits for minors under age 16. When school is in session, work permits will only be issued to minors enrolled in school, not habitually truant or under suspension, and passing a majority of courses. Minors under age 16 will be limited to 18 hours of work per week, and no more than 3 hours per day.

Students from 16 to 18 years old will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week, but not more than 4 hours per day when school is in session.

Higher limits will apply for all ages during vacations. Those under 16 will be allowed to work up to 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week, while up to 48 hours per week will be permitted for those 16 to 18 years old.

Students will be paid at least $3.61 per hour, or 85 percent of the state minimum wage.

Violations of child labor laws will be subject to penalties of $250 to $50,000, depending upon the number and severity of offenses. The new law also allows for civil lawsuits in cases where illegally employed minors are injured on the job.

The changes reflect a growing commitment by business, education and government to address the truancy and dropout issue, as well as promote a well-educated work force. *For more information contact the Bureau of Labor Standards at (207) 624-6410.*

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